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By Jessica Carew Kraft



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We're running out of IP addresses. Sometime in the next year or two or five, we'll run out of new numbers to assign to all the machines on the internet. As we discussed in a previous ad, an IP address is a number, such as 12.34.56.78, that helps servers and computers find each other online. As you can imagine, being able to add new machines to the internet is pretty important. They're needed for new servers that host new websites. Even more will be needed when "the internet of things" takes off – that is, if we're going to be hooking up sensors and connectivity to every imaginable fabric, thermostat, lighting fixture, and coffee-maker as the inanimate world goes "smart." So what are we going to do when the IP addresses run out?

We're going to switch to IPv6. The current kinds of IP addresses – IPv4 addresses – have four "octets" – four sets of numbers that can go from 0 to 256. IPv6 addresses have eight "hextets" – eight sets of numbers that can go from 0 to ffff. "ffff" is a hexadecimal number that is equivalent to 65535 in the normal decimal system. An example IPv6 address looks like this:

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So get ready! Make sure your internet service provider and equipment are IPv6 capable. IPv6 is already in use and will become increasingly common within the next decade. It might take some work now but, after switching from IPv4 to IPv6, you'll never have to switch again.

By Prasana Wilkam

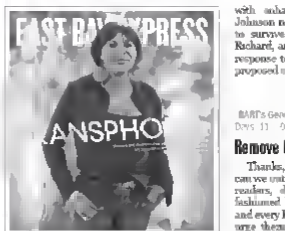
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Need Nuanced Response to Violence

I'm a transmasculine person who has appreciated the TransVision music as the only place in Alameda County where low-income residents can see a doctor for trans-specific health care including hormone prescriptions. I greatly respect Tiffany Woods and her staff's work for outreach and community support, including organizing annual Transgender Day of Remembrance events in Oakland, which I have attended for several years. Everything in the article expressed by trans community members and their loved ones I'm behind.

I'd like journalists to realize it's unnecessary and unhelpful to use a "trans person's birth name. Readers could understand Maria Moore recalling her sister having a different assigned gender with "one of my fondest memories of [Kayla] was" and a simple statement of "then known by another name." I also find it unhelpful for the author to solely quote Rebecca Kaplan's spoke-person on the issue of legal response to the burning Sasha Fleischman recently experienced, as it implies all trans community and allies are in agreement with it.

Having been a partner of someone early in transition to female, who sometimes took local public transit, wore shirts, and experienced harassment and threats daily my first reaction to learning of Sasha's injury was fearful and elaborative of the assessment of it as a "hate crime, thinking, "that could have been my girlfriend or other loved ones." As a person with disabilities who is also gender non-conforming, I feel for Sasha and am glad they got support keeping them from becoming more injured. Yet I don't agree that "the fact that the perpetrator in the case was swiftly charged—with hate crime enhancements—demonstrates how far we've come," and I'm not the only one.

Someone who is sixteen and an elderly lights on fire the shirt of a sleeping person on a public bus clearly needs help. I don't believe it's an appropriate response to potentially sentence him to life in adult prison, which the charges with enhancements could do. As Janetta Johnson notes, prison is a hard environment to survive. Actual social justice for Sasha, Richard, and all of us requires more nuanced response to violence than what the currently proposed criminal justice framework offers.

Seeley Quest, Oakland

BART's General Manager Should Resign, Seven Days 11:59

Remove Crunican Now

Thanks, Robert. Crunican must go. So what can we out here, the BART riders and *Express* readers, do? I'm writing emails and old-fashioned letters and sending them to each and every BART board member to strenuously urge them to fire her. And I'm writing one directly to Crunican to tell her directly that I am not happy with her performance or her behavior, that she should be fired and we, the people, will work to make sure she's dumped out. What else would be effective to remove her and do that now?

Michele Heraney, Alameda

The High Cost of Free Music, 11:13

Charge Corporations, Not Listeners

This issue should be a birthed of controversy. As an artist myself, I can appreciate one's desire to make a living creating music. The problem as everyone wants to become filthy rich from a one-hit wonder and live happily ever after. That is not reasonable! The general population works hard everyday hacking out a living. Why should artists demand a life of luxury on the backs of the listening public in return for their craft? That is so absurd. Why do lawyers charge $350 an hour? Get real! We all contribute an important element to society if we honestly invest genuine effort and passion in what we do.

What makes us artists so special? When others make money off of our art, that is where the boom should fall! I say let the listening public share freely our creations among themselves in a land of advertising/promotional sense. Then let the TV/movie/corporate entities much/knowingly hard! Charge those greedy bastards through the roof.

If we are really gifted as songwriters, then we should practice our craft daily and be prolific and earn a decent living as do others in this world doing what we love. If corporations latch on to what we do, then some of us will become wealthy. So be it.

James Maher, Oswego Illinois

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BROWN'S REAL BOONOOGGLE

It's not high-speed rail. It's the giant water tunnels plan

By Robert Gammon

When a Sacramento County judge made a ruling last week blocking California from issuing $8.6 billion in bonds to pay for the first phase of high-speed rail, opponents of the bullet train immediately called on the governor to scrap it. The Bay Area News Group, which operates the *Oakland Tribune*, the *Contra Costa Times*, and the *San Jose Mercury News*, praised the judge's ruling as being "right on," and labeled Jerry Brown's high-speed rail plan "a fraud." The true fraud, however, is not high-speed rail, rather, it's Brown's $25 billion plan to build two giant water tunnels in the Central Valley.

As the *Express* reported earlier this year in a two-part series, the water tunnels threaten to destroy the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and its endangered fisheries, while mostly benefiting large and politically influential agribusinesses in the arid San Joaquin Valley. High-speed rail, by contrast, could actually improve the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the state according to a study co-authored by UC Berkeley professor Arpad Horvath. High-speed rail also would benefit far more Californians, especially Bay Area residents, than the massive water tunnels plan.

That's not to say, however that high-speed rail doesn't face significant obstacles — because it does. Judge Michael Kenny delivered a significant blow last week when he ruled that California's high-speed rail authority could not issue voter-approved bonds until it identifies $25 billion of additional funds needed to complete the entire rail line from Los Angeles to San Francisco. In all, the high-speed rail plan is projected to cost $68 billion, with a significant amount of that funding coming from the federal government.

However as the *Mercury News* reported Last week, Judge Kenny's ruling could also imperil $3.3 billion in federal funds already earmarked for the project. The reason is that those federal dollars may be dependent on state matching funds — and so if the state cannot raise $6.6 billion in bonds, then the federal government might rescind its $3.3 billion.

Yet despite these financial roadblocks, Governor Brown doesn't appear ready to give up on high-speed rail. And he shouldn't. Yes, the project will be expensive to construct. But that doesn't make it a "boondoggle," as opponents have labeled it. In truth, it's a public works project that's worth pursuing — because it could improve both the state's economy and our environment at the same time.

As the *Express* reported last year, Horvath's study concluded that a high-speed rail system would consume less energy and emit fewer greenhouse gas emissions and less pollution than cars or airplanes — even after accounting for future improvements in auto and plane fuel efficiency. The reason is that high-speed rail will run on electricity and California has been creating — and will continue to create — more renewable sources for electricity generation. Moreover, high-speed rail promises to boost commerce between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area by making it easier to commute back and forth between the state's two major metropolitan centers.

Governor Brown's plan for two giant water tunnels, by contrast is a true boondoggle. Although some of the freshwater diverted through the tunnels would go to Southern California residents, the real beneficiary of the project is the powerful Westlands Water District, which represents big factory farms in the dry San Joaquin Valley. How dry? The Westlands area is actually a harsh desert that gets only about eight inches of precipitation a year and does not have water of its own for farming. Indeed, if one were looking for the worst spot in California to develop agriculture, Westlands would be the poster child. "It is really an area that should have never been farmed," Richard Walker an expert on California agriculture and a retired professor of geography at UC Berkeley told the *Express* earlier this year.

And yet the governor is pushing forward with a $25 billion plan that would send more than a million acre-feet of freshwater a year from the Delta to Westlands factory farms — businesses that also happen to employ some of the top lobbyists in the state and are among the biggest political campaign donors in California. In short, the giant water tunnels plan both smells of corruption and is a bad idea.

Plus, the giant water tunnels could ruin the largest natural estuary in the West by diverting too much freshwater from the Sacramento River before it reaches the Delta. The absence of freshwater could make the Delta too brackish and inhospitable to threatened salmon populations. Moreover, the governor is proposing to build the tunnels to carry far more freshwater than the Sacramento River can supply, thereby raising fears that the project could ultimately prompt the state to tap pristine Northern California rivers for freshwater to send south to Westlands — particularly if climate change results in smaller snowpacks in the Sierra.

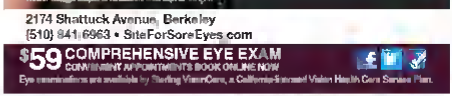
Luckily, there is a viable alternative to Brown's plan that would be cheaper to build and is more environmentally friendly. The governor's administration, however has repeatedly given short shrift to the so-called Portfolios Alternative. In fact, the administration admitted last month that it had overestimated the cost of the alternative plan by $3 billion — and that it would actually cost $5 billion less than Brown's proposal. The Portfolios Alternative would feature a single smaller tunnel that would divert less freshwater from the Delta and would include additional measures to protect Delta fisheries and the small farmers — including those who grow organic produce — in the Delta region. The plan also has the support of numerous elected leaders in the Bay Area.

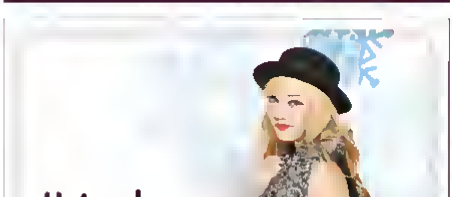
In other words, if Governor Brown were truly concerned about the environment, he would kill the water tunnels boondoggle and would give the Portfolios Alternative some serious consideration. ●

Seven Days is culled from our blog of the same name

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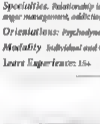
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Specialties: Transgender Anxiety, Twins/Siblings, Body-esteem, Depression

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Years Experience: 11



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Years Experience: 5

Spotlight on Mental Health

Yoga for the Emotional Body: Integrating yoga and psychotherapy

By Jennifer Lilly

When I was 12 years old, my friendly step mother took us to a yoga class. I had taken dance classes up until this point, so I was used to moving my body, but not used to being moved by my body. After we had gone through a series of postures, we were lying on our backs, and I still remember the euphoria that I experienced that day. It was like nothing I had ever felt before, as I struggled with depression as a child. Profound joy that I had not tapped into until that moment was unleashed in me, and I knew that yoga would be a part of my life from that day on.

Seven years later I found myself at 19 feeling isolated and confused about life and struck with debilitating panic attacks. This was my initiation into psychotherapy. Each week I would talk about what was bothering me, and I learned how to work with my thoughts and emotions to find balance and equilibrium. I told my therapist about my experiences with yoga, and she encouraged me to practice yoga regularly. Over the next few months my nervous system began to come back into balance, and my life started to change. I remember telling my therapist that I wanted to be a therapist too, but I felt that I was too crazy to help other people. She introduced me to the archetype of the wounded healer: helping me to realize my journey through my suffering was exactly what would help me become a therapist.

One of the most painful aspects of living with anxiety and depression is the isolation that can result from the symptoms of these states. We receive so many messages that the only valid way of being in the world is to be happy and relaxed. It can often look as though everyone else is feeling on top of the world leaving little room for more complicated feelings. We don't want to burden others with our disparity, so we suffer alone. When we are anxious, often we just want to hide and reduce the amount of factors that contribute to our anxiety. When we are depressed, it can feel like so much work to show up and truly engage in the world.

As I chewed on my own experiences and thought about what ingredients make healing possible, I realized that creating a group was my next step. When we sit with others who are also struggling and hear their story, we feel less alone. When we share our story in an atmosphere of compassion, mutuality and acceptance, we feel more connected. This understanding was my inspiration for creating a group where women could come together and experience their bodies and emotions in a safe space. This is how Yoga for the Emotional Body was born. A yoga and psychotherapy group for women who are experiencing anxiety and depression.

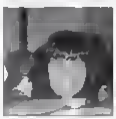
The format of this group is that we practice restorative yoga poses, as I have found that most people need to slow down and actually be with their experience. Restorative yoga and the practice of yoga nidra help to calm the nervous system, cultivate breath awareness, and develop presence. In practicing a few poses and being in them for a longer period of time, the mind gets to experience the body unfolding and relaying information. After practicing yoga we then sit together in a circle giving and receiving support.

Everyday there is more research on the healing effects of yoga, breath awareness and meditation. Learning just a few simple practices can begin to create real positive change in our psychological, emotional and physical well-being. These practices coupled with the healing power of community are practical and accessible tools for responding to the symptoms of anxiety and depression and general life difficulties.

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"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are"

— C.G. Jung

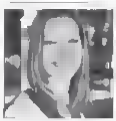


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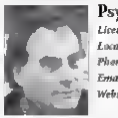


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The Fukushima Response group organized a "human mural" in October to raise awareness about radiation

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FUKUSHIMA PANIC

Activists raise alarm about radiation from Japan but nuclear researchers say their fears are unfounded

By Sam Levin

Cynthia Papermaster has stopped eating fish from the Pacific Ocean. The Berkeley resident also tries to stay out of the rain, and even leaves her rain boots outside of her house. The reason? She's worried about radioactive fallout from the accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station following the March 2011 tsunami and earthquake in Japan. "It's all one planet," she said. "The radiation will spread around the world."

Papermaster, an activist with the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Committee, is part of a larger group of East Bay anti-nuclear advocates who believe that residents on the West Coast are in danger from Fukushima radiation. Meanwhile, blog posts with scary headlines such as "28 Signs That the West Coast Is Being Absolutely Fried With Nuclear Radiation From Fukushima" are being spread via social media. That comes as the debacle at Fukushima is generating a wave of new headlines, largely around the continued leak of radioactive water from the plant and the ongoing efforts by the plant's owner, Tokyo Electric Power Company, known as TEPCO to remove nuclear fuel rods from the station.

"It's almost too big to contemplate the magnitude of this disaster, and it hasn't gone away," said Papermaster, who recently helped organize a Berkeley town hall forum titled "Fukushima is Here .. Now What?"

But scientists at UC Berkeley's Department of Nuclear Engineering who have searched for signs of contamination say there is no legitimate scientific data to back up any of these concerns, and that radioactive levels in the Bay Area aren't worth worrying about. "Nobody is exposed to any dangerous levels of anything," said Edward Morse, professor of nuclear engineering at UC Berkeley. "I haven't seen a single record of anything that would be of concern." At the UC Berkeley Nuclear Engineering Air Monitoring Station, researchers have also failed to detect radioactive isotopes from the Fukushima reactors on a diverse range of tests, including on local salmon, seaweed, milk, seawater and more. Soy sauce made in Japan and purchased locally also did not reveal radioactive isotopes from Fukushima.

Morse has a series of responses he rattles off to those who ask him about Fukushima-related health risks. For example if an individual were to regularly drink water from the outer harbor around Fukushima for a full year — putting aside the fact that humans do not drink salt water and would not be drinking from a source in the immediate vicinity of the plant — the radiation exposure would be equivalent to that of flying in an airplane for just a few hours, he said. And while naysayers may respond that the comparison of an internal exposure to an external one is unfair, Morse has a follow-up. A single banana naturally contains higher rates of radioactivity than a roughly equivalent amount of that contaminated harbor water.

Still, Morse said he has received emails from California residents who are considering leaving the United States because of their fears of Fukushima radiation. He said one man felt pressured by his wife to move to Florida or South America. "I wrote him back saying, 'Unfortunately .. those planes might get you more radiation. If she is really concerned, stop serving her food. Maybe stop sleeping in the same bed with her because people are radioactive.'"



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powerful and entrenched," said Carol Wolman, an Oakland psychiatrist who launched a petition to pressure West Coast senators to take action on Fukushima radiation concerns. "There are plenty of experts. ... I prefer to err on the side of caution. The consequences could be so dire."

Regarding these kinds of conflict-of-interest allegations, Moore said: 'I'm not taking any money from the industry. Not doing anything close to it. I'm in close to an independent optimum as you are going to get." (However, he added that he believes nuclear energy is an important alternative to coal.) Norman's 2011 study received funding from the US Department of Homeland Security and US Department of Energy.

Nonetheless, local activists continue to speak out. A group called Fukushima Response, which has several local chapters, has pushed for the United Nations to organize an independent team to assess the ongoing dangers at Fukushima. And this month, some Berkeley residents are pushing the city council to adopt a formal "Resolution to Reduce Fukushima Dnuch. Nuclear Dangers,' which notes that the radioactive contamination from Fukushima will be carried by the jet stream and "spread by ocean currents to all parts of the world, adversely affecting marine life as well as human populations." It adds, "much greater contamination is likely given that the

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In a paper that was recently submitted to the *Journal of Environmental Radioactivity* and produced by a team at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory researchers found no evidence of radioactive fallout in fish purchased from markets in Oakland and Berkeley. However they did detect low levels of cesium 137 in a few samples, which, according to UC Berkeley nuclear engineering professor Eric Norman, who worked on the report, "probably came from atmospheric nuclear weapons testing done in the 1950's – 1970's." A paper that his research group published soon after the Fukushima accident in 2011 found some fallout from the plant in the East Bay but only at isotope levels that were "very low and pose no health risk to the public," the report stated.

Levels of cesium in local fish cited by those concerned with Fukushima are so small that they are meaningless, said Kai Vetter, a nuclear engineering professor at UC Berkeley. "We have cesium everywhere in our environment. ... It's part of our natural radiation.' He said that he regularly comes across poorly researched articles making unsubstantiated claims connecting a wide range of health and environmental problems to Fukushima. "The web certainly helps in spreading a lot of fears and concerns. ... It's just remarkable."

Thomas McKone, deputy for research programs at the Energy Analysis and Environmental Impacts Department of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory pointed to a *National Geographic* article that noted that the 300 tons of contaminated water reportedly leaking from the Fukushima plant each day would, if the rate remained consistent, amount to 0.00000000014 percent of the total volume of the Pacific Ocean after ten years. "As an environmental health scientist, the radiation from Fukushima is [nowhere] on my list of issues of concern," he wrote in an email. "I cannot imagine a Fukushima release scenario where eating fish from the Pacific would pose a health risk from radiation that in any way competes with the significant health benefits of eating fish."

When asked about these dismissals, several activists had the same response: Where are these so-called experts getting their funding? "The nuclear industry is very wealthy and reactor cores are highly unstable and that the structures and storage tanks are deteriorating."

The resolution also calls on the Berkeley Health Services Department to "research and inform the public regarding elevated risk from seafood and other Pacific Basin products, and to educate the population of Berkeley regarding specific treatments for radiation exposure and have in place emergency procedures to administer treatment, if necessary, to mitigate radiation exposure." In a recent high-profile action, hundreds of activists met on Ocean Beach in San Francisco to form a human sign that read "Fukushima is here."

Phoebe Sorgen, co-founder of the Bay Area Fukushima Response group and a member of Berkeley's Disaster and Fire Safety Commission, said that she seriously considered moving to the southern hemisphere in the weeks after the disaster in Japan. She said she's became obsessed with researching Fukushima radiation but said that there isn't enough accurate information readily available. "It's hard to assess how bad the risk is," she said, noting that she ultimately decided not to move because she did not want to leave loved ones behind. Plus, she added, "I want to stay and fight."

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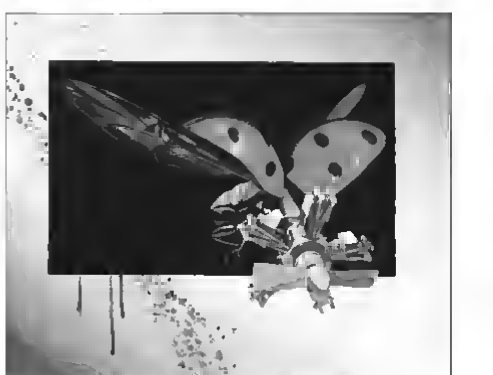
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Lucile Packard opened its new Emeryville medical clinic in September Courtesy of Lucile Packard

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SPECIAL TREATMENT

Stanford has opened a new children's hospital clinic in the East Bay. Will it serve the poor here — or siphon off wealthier patients from Children's Hospital Oakland?

By Sam Levin

Children's Hospital Oakland has, for many years, operated as a "safety net" institution that sees primarily low-income patients and does not turn away the uninsured. And unlike the majority of children's hospitals across the country, it is freestanding — a private, nonprofit hospital that is not part of a larger system. That means that the income Children's receives from the small percentage of patients who are privately insured is especially critical to the hospital's sustained financial health and continued efforts to serve all in need — regardless of their immigration status or ability to pay.

So when word spread recently that Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, part of Stanford Medicine, was expanding its presence in the East Bay some Children's Hospital Oakland and Alameda County officials questioned Stanford's motives — and expressed concerns about how a new clinic, now open in Emeryville, could hurt the existing system.

"They are another great institution," Bert Lubin, president and CEO of Children's Hospital Oakland, said of Lucile Packard. "In this particular case, though, I still question, why did this need to happen? I feel that we provide the services that they are offering there, and if our goals as children's hospitals are for the health of children, was this really for the health of children or was this really to capture a part of the market?"

Alameda County health officials echoed this same fear. Is Stanford looking to siphon off privately insured families from Children's Hospital Oakland, which already has a disproportionately high rate of government-sponsored patients?

Without much fanfare, Lucile Packard, which has its main campus in Palo Alto and is currently undergoing a large expansion at that site, officially opened the doors to its new 14,000-square-foot pediatric clinic in Emeryville on September 30, starting with orthopedic services. It is now also offering specialized services in gastroenterology, cardiology and neurology, with plans to add nephrology in January. The clinic currently has seventeen doctors — pediatric specialists and subspecialists — working part time in Emeryville. And Packard recruited some of these doctors away from Children's Hospital Oakland.

"The market continues to grow. There's a lot of growth in the East Bay with young families," said Kim Roberts, vice president of physician network development and management at Lucile Packard, when asked why Stanford had expanded to Emeryville. "It is always good for people to have choices."

Lucile Packard saw a need for medical services in the East Bay, she added, noting that its new location could potentially help "decongest" Children's Hospital Oakland in certain specialties and give families more opportunities for care. "Emeryville is a really up-and-coming community and it's terrific to be a part of it," she added. Packard also is expanding upon its existing East Bay presence after launching a partnership with Walnut Creek-centered John Muir Health last year.

Lubin, however, said that this kind of competition can have negative consequences for a safety-net institution like Children's. "Every percent decline in our insured patients represents an economic challenge for us."

At Children's Hospital Oakland, about 90 percent of primary care patients are government sponsored, primarily through Medi-Cal, the state's medical welfare program, and in 2012, nearly 70 percent of emergency department cases involved government sponsored patients. Children's Hospital Oakland, in a 2012 community benefit report, estimated the value of its charity care, meaning free care to uninsured and underinsured patients, to be $16.8 million (and $146 million in government-sponsored healthcare). The high rate of Medi-Cal patients translates directly to financial losses. The hospital's profitability report cited a net loss (after operating costs and reimbursements) of $15 million in fiscal year 2013 and $17 million in fiscal year 2012 for its Alameda County patients.

By contrast, Lucile Packard's finances are much more stable because the majority of the hospital's patients are privately insured. Only 45 percent of primary care patients are in Medi-Cal at Lucile Packard — about half as much as at Children's Hospital Oakland.

"I welcome Packard's interest in East Bay children and I have deep respect for their skill and talent and sophistication," said Alex Briscoe, director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. "I am concerned that any service focused on commercial pay in Emeryville and Berkeley and in more privileged parts of Alameda County would have the unintended consequence of destabilizing our critical safety net at Children's [Hospital Oakland]."

Children's Hospital Oakland, he added, is "an institution perched on the knife's edge of financial viability" and Lucile Packard's Emeryville clinic, especially if it lacks a generous charity care plan, to serve the uninsured and underinsured, could potentially push Children's toward an even higher rate of government-sponsored patients. What's unique about Children's Hospital Oakland — a quality that contributes to its success — is that it is both the public health provider of last resort and the preferred provider in the county, he added.

Lubin, who acknowledged that this kind of competition is increasingly common, pointed out that the goals of Stanford's new Emeryville clinic may be tied to Lucile Packard's expansion in Palo Alto, where construction of a new facility adjacent to its current hospital is underway, slated for completion in 2016.

"They have a limited footprint, numerous resources that are certainly much bigger than a freestanding children's hospital in Oakland," Lubin said. "So their move to open up a program in this area — with the knowledge that they're building a brand-new hospital ... that they're going to want to fill — is also no wonder in the rationale behind that to be able to attract patients that are insured and then hospitalize them at Stanford or at Packard rather than coming to this hospital that has supported this community for all these years?" If Stanford is looking to increase its market share, it only makes sense that it would open here, "the kids are in the East Bay. So what's new?"

Children's Hospital Oakland is also financially vulnerable. "If we drop 5 percent in our managed care, that's a significant impact for us," he said, referring to privately insured patients. A loss of insured patients to Lucile Packard could force Children's Hospital Oakland to take a range of steps, including diminishing some of the community benefits it offers, increasing fund-raising efforts to help cover the hospital's deficit, instituting new cost-cutting measures, and more, Lubin said.

Lucile Packard's Emeryville expansion also comes as Children's Hospital Oakland is moving forward with its own plan to affiliate with UC San Francisco as part of an agreement announced in August. Through this formal relationship, Children's Hospital Oakland will remain separately licensed and retain its own board, but the two institutions will jointly operate BayChildren's Physicians, which is the medical foundation of Children's Hospital Oakland. The partnership, which aims to broaden this network to include more Bay Area physicians, will help Children's Hospital Oakland remain competitive as Lucile Packard moves into its market, Lubin said.

Still, the Emeryville move is disconcerting given that Stanford's focus will likely remain on Palo Alto, Lubin said. "Are they going to serve 70 percent Medi-Cal [in Emeryville]? Hardly. Are they going to make a commitment to this community in the way we have all these community benefit activities? They make a commitment to the Palo Alto community, and they do a good job at that just like we do a good job in our community. You wonder what is the purpose of this? And so it's painful, but it is part of the reality of life. So we have to step it up to be sure that we're providing the best that we can and keep patients here."

Roberts, however, said she believes that the new Emeryville clinic won't be "very consequential to the overall fiscal success of [Children's Hospital] Oakland," noting that the facility is an outpatient clinic offering specialty services. She said that while it's possible patients will switch over from Children's Hospital Oakland to Packard, "we don't have any particular plans, if you will, to actively move patients."

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Roberts said that because the Emeryville clinic has only been open for two months she could not offer specifics on the percentage of patients who have been or will be government sponsored.

Asked about a possible connection between the East Bay expansion and the development in Palo Alto, Roberts noted that Lucile Packard has been working to expand its network throughout the region for years, creating collaborations in San Francisco and Walnut Creek and additional locations ranging from Santa Cruz to Sonora to Napa and beyond. Packard currently has collaborations in ninety locations in eight states, she said.

This new tension between Packard and Children's Hospital Oakland reflects similar situations in healthcare markets throughout the country, said Mark Wietecha, president and CEO of the Children's Hospital Association, which represents hundreds of hospitals. "There has been a battle for commercial beds in the Bay Area for many years," he said, referring to patients who have insurance and thus help offset the costs of those who do not.

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The city's ethics commission plans to fine the Yes on Measure S committee for failing to report more than fifty cash payments to Election Day workers.

By Steven Tavares

The committee that backed a hotly contested ballot measure — known as the sit/lie ordinance, or Measure S — in last year's Berkeley elections is facing a fine fire on the city's ethics commission for failing to report more than fifty cash payments to campaign workers in violation of local election law. The campaign violations also have stirred controversy in Berkeley because some of the payments handed out on Election Day allegedly went to homeless people who were paid to distribute fliers in favor of an ordinance that would have made it illegal to sit on city sidewalks. Opponents of Measure S say that homeless workers were duped into thinking that they were campaigning for President Obama's reelection.

"The fliers are they received tons of cheap labor from this deal," said Bob Offer-Westort, who, along with fellow Measure S opponent Patricia Wall, first alerted Berkeley's Fair Campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) to the campaign violations. "But aside from that, it's hard not to say there is a sadistic aspect to this when you're asking people to advocate for their own criminalization."

In an email to the Express last week, John Caner, CEO of the Downtown Berkeley Association and a leading proponent of Measure S, acknowledged that he paid people cash to hand out fliers that included an endorsement of the sit/lie ordinance. But he said that of the some than fifty campaign workers he hired for Election Day canvassing, only seven came from Options Recovery Services — which works with homeless people in Berkeley. He also said he told all of them that they were working for the Yes on S campaign. In addition, he said he told each that they were handing out literature originally produced by the Berkeley Democratic Club, which had endorsed the sit/lie ordinance.

But Offer-Westort disputed Caner's assertions. "Not a single person we spoke with knew what Measure S was," Offer-Westort said of the campaign workers. "And we spoke with far more than seven homeless people who had been hired by the Yes on S Campaign."

In the fall of 2012, there was no Berkeley ballot measure more controversial than Measure S, which sought to prohibit people from reclining on sidewalks in the city's commercial districts. The measure was backed by Shattuck and Telegraph avenue merchants, but opposed by many homeless advocacy and civil rights groups. Ultimately the measure lost 48 percent to 52 percent.

After Offer-Westort and Wall filed a complaint with the Berkeley FCPC, the commission's staff launched an investigation and found that the pro-Measure S campaign had violated numerous city election laws. In an email to the FCPC Caner acknowledged that he made more than fifty cash payments of nearly $100 each to workers to hold campaign signs and hand out leaflets and had failed to itemize each of the cash expenditures on campaign disclosure reports as required by city law. In addition, most of the cash payments violated the Berkeley Election Reform Act, which prohibits unreported cash expenditures of $50 or more. Caner, a former member of the FCPC's board of directors, told FCPC staffers, in the same email, that he had been unaware of the allegations against him and the Yes on S campaign until September.

The Yes on S campaign also failed to properly disclose a $5,000 loan involving Caner. He had loaned the campaign the money and then after the campaign repaid him, he used the $5,000 to pay for the Election Day workers. He made 58 cash payments to 55 workers totaling, $5,530; 51 of the payments were for $50 or more. Caner later said he paid cash because he thought that many of the workers did not have bank accounts. The Measure S campaign also failed to report that Caner paid $536 out of his own pocket, when it should have been reported as a donation to the Yes on S campaign and as an expenditure by that campaign. The Measure S campaign also mislabeled the $5,000 loan repayment to Caner as for "polling and survey research." In addition, it failed to report a $1,562 payment to print the campaign fliers as a donation to the Berkeley Democratic Club — since the Measure S campaign had permeated the club and its endorsements by handing out its fliers. Ultimately, the Measure S campaign filed amended campaign finance reports, correcting its violations.

Opponents of Measure S also complained about the moral and ethical issues of hiring homeless people to campaign on behalf of the sit/lie ordinance. And they questioned whether the Berkeley Democratic Club had violated county or state Democratic Party rules when it endorsed Measure S — since neither the county nor the state party had backed the measure. But the FCPC said those issues were not within its jurisdiction.

Measure S opponent Elisa Della-Piana said she talked to numerous campaign workers on Election Day last year in Berkeley who had no understanding of the local measures for which they were advocating. "They thought they were campaigning for Obama," she said. When she repeatedly described what Measure S would ultimately do to the city's homeless, most of the workers were dismayed, she said. Others immediately dropped their signs and left. "Two women brought their children with them, and when I told them what the measure would do they both looked at their kids, put the remaining fliers in their purse and left."

Last month, the FCPC board voted to negotiate a settlement fine to be levied against the Measure S campaign. However, the fine is not expected to be large because the FCPC decided to count the fifty-plus cash payments as a single violation rather than as individual violations as the Measure S opponents had requested. The FCPC attributed the errors in part to the inexperienced treasurer who recorded the Measure S campaign's finances.

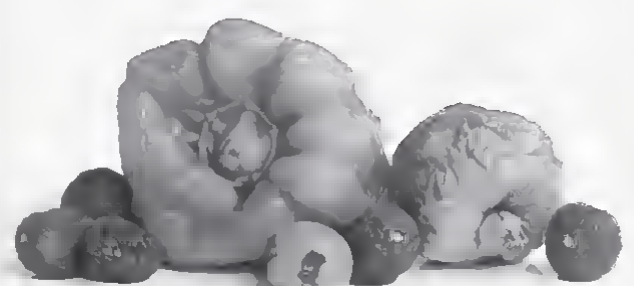
But David Waggoner, an attorney for Offer-Westort and Wall, argued that the FCPC was wrong to cobble together all 58 of the cash payments into one violation, thereby greatly limiting the potential fines that may be levied against the Yes on S campaign. City staff only spoke to Caner and members of the Berkeley Democratic Club, but not to Waggoner's his clients, Waggoner said. Waggoner also noted that Caner is a member of the Berkeley Democratic Club.

Offer-Westort and Wall had also made a complaint against the Berkeley Democratic Club, alleging that it should have filed campaign finance reports with the city. But the FCPC ruled that the club only had to file with the Secretary of State's Office because most of the club's expenditures were for issues and campaigns outside of Berkeley.

Dan McMullan, who runs the Disabled People Outside Project, said the Yes on S campaign's Election Day acts were a form of overturn against vulnerable people, some of whom may have been under court order to attend treatment in Berkeley. "This is reprehensible for this to happen in Berkeley," McMullan told the FCPC last month.

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MEASURING FOOD WASTE



Some grocery stores throw away tons of edible food, while others do a great job donating it or selling food that's past its sell-by date at a discount. See our scorecard.

By Jessica Carew Kraft

Just past midnight on a recent Wednesday, the half-moon hovered over Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland where waste bins had been put out on the street for pickup the next morning. Two homeless men shuffled down the sidewalk as we peered into the green bins in front of the Arizmendi bakery. We found several whole pizzas, bags of old bread, and sheets of yeast that didn't make it into a pie. My companion, Yotam, is experienced at rummaging through commercial garbage bins — he wore latex gloves, a headlamp, and dark clothes. He offered the pizzas to the homeless men, and when they declined the food, he placed everything that he salvaged into a milk crate.

From there, we headed to the Trader Joe's across the street, and then on to several other East Bay grocers to see what could be harvested from their dumpsters. It was an abundant night. Over the next four hours, almost every dumpster we checked outside of food stores — from the Walgreens on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley to Grocery Outlet on Broadway in Oakland — contained dozens of meals' worth of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, meat, dairy, and packaged foods that, with a bit of cleaning and preparing, could be consumed safely.

"You can always count on finding organic fresh food in dumpsters," said Yotam, whom the *Express* has agreed to not identify by his full name. Along with dozens of other resourceful Bay Area residents, Yotam has been able to satisfy all of his food needs for months on end simply by skimming off of these grocery green bins.

Our assurance verified the unconscionable paradox of food waste: despite rising hunger rates in the nation and the Bay Area, a great deal of food that is perfectly good to eat simply goes to waste. Some groceries are making a better effort to address this imbalance than others but there has never been easy measurement of accountability for wasted food.

As a result, we decided to assemble a scorecard in an attempt to hold grocers accountable for their surplus food. In our investigation, we found that San Francisco's Bi-Rite Market was the top shop for minimizing waste at all points in its supply chain, while the original Berkeley Bowl did a successful job of selling off surpluses before they hit the garbage bins. Grocery stores that still need improvement include Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Walmart, Safeway, Save-Mart, and Target, all of which have relationships with food banks and charities and have recently increased their donations. Andronico's, too, has begun to responsibly manage its waste. At the bottom of our scorecard are stores like Mi Pueblo, Mollie Stone's, Costco and Grocery Outlet, which all regularly discard large amounts of food.

For most institutional food purveyors, wasting food is business as usual. At the beginning of the food cycle, farmers often grow too much food because they're worried that storms, drought or pests will destroy their surplus and put them out of business. Distributors then add to the waste by refusing produce that is already ripened or misshapen, understanding that retailers and consumers expect perfect food. Store managers then waste even more food by overstocking shelves with produce in an attempt to lure customers with an abundant-looking display, and thus causing the bottom rows of product to spoil.

"Our standards as a consumer are so crazy high," said Sue Coberg, who runs the grocery rescue program at the Alameda County Community Food Bank. "There are [stores] regulations in place about how much red needs to be on an apple for it to be sold. Bananas won't be bought if they have a little bit of brown."

Indeed, every dumpster we inspected while putting together our scorecard had bruised apples, brown bananas and loose lettuce leaves, enough good produce for gallons of smoothies, buckets of salads, and racks of banana bread, if only someone could have received the food when it was taken off the shelves.

Use- or sell-by dates are another big contributor to the ongoing food waste problem. A report released by the National Resources Defense Council this fall assessed date labeling laws nationwide, concluding that most use- or sell-by dates are misleading because they have nothing to do with when food is safe to eat — rather they typically indicate when food is at its peak freshness. Yet 90 percent of consumers surveyed nationwide believe that food goes bad around the sell-by date. As a result, grocery stores and consumers regularly throw away massive amounts of food that is still edible. In fact, an estimated 40 percent of the American food supply is wasted.

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Yet even though we produce more than enough food to feed everyone, there are more people going hungry in the United States each year. According to the US Department of Agriculture, 49 million Americans don't know where their next meal will come from and don't get enough calories in their daily diet. Even in wealthy cities like San Francisco, one in four residents struggles to get enough nutritious food to support his or her basic health. According to a 2013 study by the Stanford Center on Poverty & Inequality, low-income residents of San Francisco miss about

74 million meals a year.

What's more, about half of all food wasted is fresh produce — the fruits and vegetables missing from the typical American diet that, if consumed in greater quantities, would help slow our rising rates of diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

Dana Frasz, founder of the nonprofit group FoodShift, which works to reduce food waste in the Bay Area, noted that an immense volume of good food from local grocers could be used to feed area communities in need, but instead, it's usually just heaped into the compost bin. Frasz also pointed out that there is even an incentive for many Bay Area grocers to put lots of compostable matter in green bins because doing so allows the business to get discounted waste disposal rates.

Many grocers, meanwhile, believe that giving away surplus food might undermine their profitability or cheat their paying customers. Consequently they rarely seek publicity when giving away inventory, and don't admit to throwing out food. Instead, grocers often encourage customers to donate food or money to local food relief organizations.

Whole Foods Market, for example, operates a national program called FeedMore in which shoppers can donate to feed a family of four: $5 for breakfast, $10 to provide lunch or dinner, or $25 for a whole day's worth of meals. Similarly, during the holiday season, Andronaco's urges shoppers to buy prepared bags of food at checkout registers that go right into food bank collection bins. These are great programs that have a big impact on food charities, but they also perpetuate the notion that these stores are doing all they can to stop hunger in their communities. In reality a lot of edible food still goes out their back doors straight into dumpsters.



Whole Foods Market on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley received a ten-star rating. Lisa Pino

To compile our grocery food waste scorecard, we analyzed three criteria. First, we asked stores if they offer day-old bread, nearly-expired packaged foods, and wilting produce at a discount — a practice that entices customers to buy food that's just past its peak of freshness. Second, we talked to local food banks and food rescue organizations to learn which area grocers regularly give away their surplus food and which have declined to do so. Third, we checked a sample of store dumpsters in a mission that divulged the true practices of the store, revealing how much more it could — and should — be donating.

We then designed a rating system, with stores receiving a score of one to three stars. We gave a rating of one star to stores that wasted the most food, while grocers that wasted the least received three stars.

Ranking the lowest on our scorecard with a rating of just one star: Mollie Stone's Markets and Mi Pueblo Markets consistently did a poor job of reducing food waste or of giving away surpluses to food charities. And while Costco does donate fresh inventory to community groups, we found no record of the warehouse chain giving bruised produce or food that was past its sell-by date to local food charities. Representatives from Grocery Outlet declined to provide us with any information, and the stores' dumpsters were teeming with wasted food.

Ti Rita Market topped our list with three stars, because it has implemented comprehensive food waste practices in every department of the store and aggressively donates its surplus organic produce and artisanal food to area charities. The store's management prevents wasteful overflow by purchasing only what is needed, a practice reinforced by the store's very limited shelf space. Ti Rita's Community Coordinator Shahirah Smiley said that surplus food is sent to the deli or creamery to be converted into prepared foods in staff meals. "If we have too many ripe concord grapes, they will be turned into organic popsicles," she said. Anything left over is advertised on CropMobster, a new social platform that publishes surplus alerts from local farms, food sellers, and producers in order to connect them with food charities and individuals in need.

Discounting the price of food that is blemished or past its sell-by date rather than

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GROCERY STORE SCORECARD

★	★★	★★★
Mi Pueblo Markets Grocery Outlet in Oakland Costco Mollie Stones Market	Andronico's on Shattuck Whole Foods on Telegraph Trader Joes on Lakeshore Berkeley Bowl Emeryville Target Walmart in Oakland Lucky's Save-Mart East Oakland Safeway on Grand	Bi-Rite Market Berkeley Bowl

Bi-Rite Market in San Francisco and the Berkeley Bowl stores scored highest on our scorecard.

donating or tossing it makes sense both from a business and waste-reduction perspective. Berkeley Bowl's two stores lead the pack in this area, earning three stars on our scorecard. The stores regularly put post peak produce into 99-cent bags that sell out fast. And, considering their dumpsters contained very few items relative to other stores, this strategy appears to prevent excessive waste.

Andronico's earned two stars on our scorecard. The small chain sometimes partners with FoodStar to offer flash sales of imperfect produce to shoppers who sign up to receive FoodStar smartphone alerts. Marketing Manager Bridget Kwok said that Andronico's also bags up about-to-spoil groceries and offers an 80-percent discount on the bags. "If there are leftovers from that," she said, "we reach out to the [food] banks."

Yet despite these efforts to reduce waste, an examination of the store dumpster on Berkeley revealed a whole pumpkin pie (our fuel for the nighttime mission), boxes of edible squash, dozens of heads of lettuce and lots of baked goods still in their packaging. We also discovered that Andronico's has repeatedly declined to donate surplus to at least one highly regarded food redistribution charity.

Trader Joe's also received two stars because each store hulks up exclusively with charities that get all of its perishables. The store on Lakeshore in Oakland, for example gives out to twelve bags of food every day to the First Assembly of God, which then redistributes the food to the needy. However much food from this store is still wasted — in fact, it's known in the dumpster-diving community for its bounty of packaged foods.

Berkeley's Whole Foods Marketing Team Leader Lizzie Stemhall reported that her store donates bruised produce and day-old baked goods to local nonprofits such as McGee Baptist Church, the UC Berkeley Student Housing Center, and Ohana Community Outreach on a daily basis and frequently gives food to the Daily Bread, an East Bay grassroots, volunteer-run organization that delivers surplus food to local free-food kitchens and homeless shelters. "We have a lot of excess food, but it has to be pretty bad for us to throw it in the compost," Stemhall said. "Any food scraps or spoiled produce that is left over is given to a couple of local community members who raise goats and chickens." However we found that the dumpster at this Whole Foods store contained a lot of edible food, including a top round steak — an ethical lightning rod among food waste activists because of the amount of food and energy it takes to produce beef.

"It always horrifies me to find meat in the dumpster," said Yotam, the dumpster diver. "We're putting huge amounts of resources and labor into raising an animal, and slaughtering it is justified if the creature gets eaten. But killing an animal and throwing it away?" For Yotam, the Whole Foods steak epitomizes the obscenity of America's food waste problem.

Like Whole Foods, Berkeley Natural Grocery on Shattuck has a good record of donating surplus (14,000 pounds of edible items went to the Alameda County Community Food Bank last year) but its dumpster was still full of surprisingly fresh organic produce, including kale, Romaine lettuce, oranges, tomatoes, mushrooms and dozens of bunches of basil.

Joining these stores in the two-star category were Walmart, Target, Save-Mart, and the Safeway stores on the Bay Area that participate in Feeding America, an umbrella organization for two hundred food banks around the country that establishes daily food giveaway programs with big grocery chains. Giving away unsellable food is a charitable tax write-off if the food is tallied and reported by a nonprofit service organization. Because this tax benefit provides more money than the stores can save in compost bin rebates, it makes financial sense for them to donate the food. Together with other area stores, these chains donated 604,721 pounds of food in the first quarter of the fiscal year to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. "The Feeding America program is good because it sets up an official channel and offers recording and reporting for tax deductions," explained Cohen of the food bank.

However despite these stores sizable charitable contributions, local dumpster divers told us their waste receptacles regularly include large quantities of edible food.

In an effort to address the tripartite problem of food waste, hunger and poor nutrition, Doug Rauch, the former president of Trader Joe's, is launching a new grocery store next year in Massachusetts that will repurpose ugly-but-edible foods and sell them at a deep discount in a low-income Boston neighborhood. The store, called Daily Table, will amount to a direct attack on how



most grocery stores operate, and will put affordable food into the carts of those who need it most.

"It's an incredible idea," said Frase of FoodShift. "We need to find more ways of creating economic benefit and jobs out of wasted food."

But resistance to dealing with food waste is strong — even in the liberal Bay Area. Mary Risley, founder of San Francisco-based Food Runners, which transports donated food to area homeless shelters, said she has repeatedly approached many grocery stores in the region to offer her free service — which would reduce the stores' food waste — only to be refused without explanation.

Some stores only donate old bakery items or shy away from donating altogether because they are afraid of being held liable if someone gets sick from their food. But the federal "Good Samaritan Act," signed by President Bill Clinton in 1996, immunizes persons from liability who donate food that they believe in good faith is safe for consumption. "No one has ever gotten sick from our donated food," Risley added.

As grocery rescue program coordinator for the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Coberg sets up relationships with grocers to capture the overflow foods before they are thrown out. Although the idea of grocery rescue has developed only over the past five to ten years, most Bay Area food banks have a position dedicated to connecting with stores. Coberg routinely educates grocers about the Good Samaritan Act and once they learn of it, they often end up donating meat, produce, and dairy products. "I'm able to get beautiful, prepackaged lettuce and spinach, of which the quality and freshness is still good another four or five days and the same goes for milks, cheeses, and yogurts, which are also safe several days after their posted date," she said.



Grocery Outlet on Broadway in Oakland received our lowest rating — one star

Eshe Frye

Coberg works with both retail donors participating in the Feeding America program such as Target, Walmart and Save-Mart, along with the food bank's member agencies, to ensure safe food handling practices for all meat, dairy and produce. Meat that likely won't sell, but which has been inspected for quality and freshness, is frozen and picked up by volunteers who deliver the donations to the food bank's member agency which typically serves it that afternoon or assembles grocery bags of items to give to families. "This makes a huge difference to our community because protein sources are so hard to come by," Coberg said.

But more needs to be done to institutionalize surplus food donation. With the exception of the national chains that have an agreement with Feeding America, participation in food rescue programs often hinges on the altruism of a store manager or whoever takes out the trash at the end of the night. If that person doesn't want to intervene, the food just gets wasted.

And volunteer labor can only go so far in powering grocery rescue. "The member agencies that go in and pick up [rescue food] truly need volunteers to help build those relationships and to get on a consistent donation pick-up schedule. They need people to become drivers, volunteers at their locations to sort through the food, and they need financial donations to help buy refrigerators and freezers for storage," Coberg said.

Frase of FoodShift sees a future in which food recovery becomes another municipal utility funded by taxpayers or made into a viable business. "We pay for recycling and compost services now," she said. "So we could certainly pay people to redistribute food. Just a small amount of investment in food recovery would make it safer and more professional."

Of course that would leave people like Yotam without the dumpster bounty they've come to rely on. "But that would be great," he said. "I pray every time I go out that the dumpsters will be empty and that I won't find anything." So far that has never happened. ●

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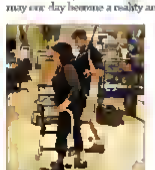
EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS

Building Better Humans

A new documentary looks at the impact of technologies that seek to enhance human capabilities

If you could augment your body's abilities in any way imaginable, what would you do? When Oakland filmmaker Regan Brashear posed that question to subjects in her documentary, answers ranged from photographic memory to the ability to teleport.

The responses may seem like wishful thinking, but Brashear's new film, *FIXED: The Science/Fiction of Human Enhancement*, illustrates that many of these fantastical ideas may one day become a reality and, in the process, permanently change our conception of what is normal. Investigating innovations such as bionic limbs and exoskeletons, Brashear examines how these developments value being able-bodied, calling into question whether our focus should be on technological advancement or adapting society to the needs of the disabled.



A scene from *FIXED*. Jamie LaVoie

Brashear was first inspired to create the film while attending a genetic engineering conference in San Francisco in 2004. After hearing Gregor Wolbring, an associate professor who researches biochemistry and bioethics at the University of Calgary, speak about a previous conference in which participants had discussed converting existing technologies for improving human performance, alarm bells went off for Brashear. "Hearing that our government is thinking about how we eke the most out of our workers to stay ahead and how we use our technology to create better soldiers was frightening," she said. "It made me want to learn more."

After years of interviewing scientists and disability rights advocates, and launching a successful Kickstarter campaign, Brashear completed the film last July and will be showing it at the Ed Roberts Campus (3075 Adeline St., Berkeley) on Thursday, December 5. A panel discussion with Brashear and other subjects from the documentary will accompany the screening, along with a performance by AXIS Dance Company.

Brashear's film includes perspectives from proponents of new developments as well as from the opposition. "I really don't understand the desire for enhancement technologies," says disability rights activist Patty Berne in the film. "The problem is not in my body, but the problem is in a social disregard and a lack of integration of people with disabilities."

But Hugh Herr, who runs a research group at MIT designing bionic limbs, disagrees. A child prodigy in mountain climbing, Herr was caught in a blizzard while climbing and had both legs amputated. Now able to climb at a more advanced rate with his bionic limbs than he could with his biological legs, he has made it his goal to eliminate disability. "This experiment taught me the extraordinary capacity of technology to heal, to rehabilitate, and, to my own case, to actually extend human capability beyond what nature intended," said Herr.

As someone who suffers from fibromyalgia, Brashear feels conflicted about some of the technologies. "I totally get the temptation," she said. "But we need to understand what we're wrestling here. What are we fixing? Who is the problem?"

7 p.m., $13. FixedTheMovie.com

— Zaineb Mohammad

ATTRACTIONS

City of Alameda Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Enjoy performances from community groups featuring the tree lighting ceremony and the Motetonic Rockin' Holiday Show. Sat., Dec. 7, 4:30–8:15 p.m. Free. Alameda City Hall West, 950 W Mall Sq., Alameda. 510-747-7800, OfAlameda.CA.US.

Planet X Movie & Tea Universe A full-course dinner in the Skyline Room followed by Chabot's live-narrated Planetarium show. Chabot's 360° Afternoons, now the night sky through their telescopes (weather permitting). Fridays, Saturdays, $103 adults, $80 children. Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, 510-336-7373, chabotspace.org.

DISPLAY Holiday Featuring a festive Satchel of pop-up shops, workshops, installations, good food and DJs. Thu., Dec. 5, 5–9 p.m. Fri., Dec. 13, 5–8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 14, 5–8 p.m. free. Emeryville Public Market, 5959 Shellmound St., Emeryville, 510-652-8000, EmeryMarket.com.

Downtown Berkeley Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate as you listen to live holiday music by Berkeley Community Chamber Singers, get a preview performance of Dance on Center's *Nutcracker* take a picture with Santa, then watch the tree lighting. Fri., Dec. 6, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Berkeley, BART, 2100 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-464-7136.

Edible Schoolyard Public Tour $20/30 garden and kitchen class observation tour without hands-on classroom. Thu., Dec. 5, 9:15 a.m. The Edible Schoolyard Garden, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley.

FIXED: The Science/Fiction of Human Enhancement Film looking at the issue to be "better than human." Has the blurred technological boundaries that may take us there. Post-film Q&A with Oakland-based documentary filmmaker Regan Brashear and members of the cast and crew. Theme performances by AXIS Dance Company. Thu., Dec. 5, 6:30–9 p.m. $13. Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline Ave., Berkeley. 510-225-6400, EdRobertsCampus.org.

Fisher Plaza at CIESA Grand Opening Off the Grid food trucks, festive holiday music, a holiday marketplace by arts activity fund Communitecture, a pop-up holiday kiosk with gifts from the UNION Store and Rockwell Fine Art. Mon., Dec. 9, 5–9 p.m. Fri., Dec. 13, 5–9 p.m., Fri., Dec. 20, 5–9 p.m. Jackson Boulevard at California, 1000 Oak St., Oakland, 510-318-8400, MosaicCA.org.

Grand Opening Party: Tech Spirit Showcase Join Youth Spirit Artworks young artists and "tables" for free observation of their new art space. Enjoy the art sales, Bikes-a-thon, youth poetry and open mic, craft beading and more. Sat., Dec. 7, 1–4 p.m., Donations welcome. Ohlone Youth Arboretum, 1740 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley. 510-282-0996, youthspiritartworks.org.

Holiday Entertainment at Lip Service Mail Shoppers can enjoy live holiday music courtesy of the Merry Mailmen Band, Steel Pan Sis. Dolores Cordero, Ukulele, Musical by Golden Gaters, a holiday sing quartet, and a swing band. Saturdays, Sundays 2–4 p.m. Carolsons through Dec. 22. Free. Gaf Mail, 1918 Bay St., Emeryville. 510-658-4000, BayStreetEmeryville.com

Holiday Entertainment at Graphic Center Live holiday musical entertainment including a mariachi band, carolers, bands, and a jazz trio. Sun., Dec. 8, 2–4 p.m. Sat., Dec. 14, 2–4 p.m. Sun., Dec. 15, 12–2 p.m., Sat., Dec. 21, 2–4 p.m. Sun., Dec. 22, 12–2 p.m., Dec. Berkeley Central, 1995 E 14th St., San Leandro. 510-357-8000.

A Holiday Tradition Tour the mansion with each room dressed to the 9s during its gala festive holiday fundraiser, and holiday decoration and enjoy the "holiday table." Kids can have brunch with Santa, and afterwards participate in holiday crafts, go on the tree-painting. Starting Dec. 7. Saturdays, Sundays, 12–4 p.m. Carolsons through Dec. 22, $15–$36.





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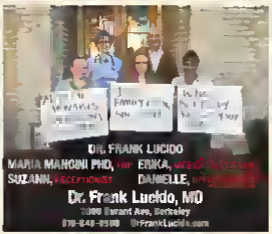
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East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Festival

Hang out with fellow literary nerds at the fourth annual Alternative Book and Zine Fest, which happens this Saturday at Berkeley City College (2050 Center St.). With more than sixty local writers and artists selling their work, chances are you'll find something to your liking, whether you're a comic-book fiend, graffiti-art enthusiast, or a seeker of radical polemics. Don't miss the performance by the local all-girl literary spoken-word group Sister Spit, hosted by Michelle Tea, and the reading by Next York Times bestselling author Steve Almond. Get crafty at workshops on book- and tone-making, cartooning, and screen-painting, or do some holiday shopping and find local treasures for your bookworm friends. — *Zainab Mohammad*

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., free. EastBayAlternativeBook andZineFest.com

Snow? In Berkeley?

California kids who have always enjoyed the pleasures of snow can finally get a taste of what they've been missing at North Berkeley's annual snow-themed festivity. The parking lot at Shattuck and Lincoln avenues (1673 Shattuck Ave.) will be transformed into a winter wonderland where you can make holiday crafts like greeting cards and dreidels while sipping on hot cider and playing in the manmade snow. Kids can visit the Snow Queen, ride ponies, and make snowballs with the elves in adults shop for gifts from craft vendors and listen to live music. Head to local jewelry



store M. Love and Company (1510 Shattuck Ave.) to search for genuine snowballs made by owner Margo Love — if you're lucky you'll pick the one with the red diamond ring inside. — *ZM*

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., free. AnotherBalloonInCano.com

Paramount Theatre Historic Tours 2000 Kinnaird Ave., Oakland, 510-465-6400, ParamountTheatre.com.

Hunger Games Mockingjay Pt. 1 Fans dressed as Katniss Everdeen are welcome in the Hunger Games togs with their collection of games from bygone times. With special Hunger Games treasures hand-selected from Berkeley Grades and surprises for their own beloved Jay-Jays! Sat., Dec. 7, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun., Dec. 8, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., $10–$15. Playgrounds, 1850 Solano, 510-779-San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Playground-Not-at-the-Beach.org.

Jack London Square Lights Up for the Holidays Annual end-lighting ceremony followed a 25-foot Mount Shasta Tree, creative performances by Radio Disney, live entertainment, live Seasonal Downtown Shuttle, a visit from Santa, and a fun-packed night for the Downtown Children Holiday Parade. Fri., Dec. 6, 5–7:30 p.m., free. Jack London Square, from 1st to 3rd Broadway Ave., Oakland.

Lanterfest Lunar Holidays Seasonal classic holiday songs played to lunar-lunisa effects. Saturdays, Sundays, 1:55 p.m. Thursdays Through Dec. 29, $15–$25. Illumia Space & Science Center, 2300 Shattuck Ave., Lantern, 510-336-7373, Illumia-Space.org.

Lanterfest Kids Days Illumia laser light show set to the music of Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon*. Sundays, 1 & 3 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, 9 & 11 p.m. Illumia Space & Science Center, 2300 Shattuck Ave., Lantern, 510-336-7373, Illumia-Space.org.

Overture Hot Seasonal Jamaican light show set to songs from the Seasonal Symphony. Sundays, 1 & 3 p.m., Fridays, 7:15 p.m. $12. Chabot Space & Science Center, Gayle Skyline Blvd., Lantern, 510-336-7373, Chabotspace.org.

Light & Sweet Shakespeare Rose Rex daily light and sound show set to accompany the Overtures and at the Bay Street Mall. Through Dec. 31, free. Bay Street Mall, 5610 Bay St., Emeryville, 510-655-8900, BayStreetEmeryville.com.

Mainland Yacht Parade The Seasonal Yacht Club and Encinal Yacht Club annual fish parade featuring festively decorated boats sailing from the Oakland Estuary to Alameda for the year's Global Holidays. Sat., Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. Rec. Jean London Square, 981 Broadway, Oakland.

Mixing Up Literary: Local Kids Dig Dr. Seuss Collection Series of listening parties at the library hosted by an array of local disc jockeys from Bay Area public and community radio stations. Each month dig through DJ's collection of vinyl classics and compact discs to uncover goodies gems. Refresh yourself your dependable of a range of genres. Space Viewer, and of 60's & 70's History of Funk show, hosts the listening party on the 10th. Tue., Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. Listening Public Library, Central Branch, 2090 Kittredge St., Listening 510 981-6100, BerkeleyPublicLibrary.org.

Piedmont Avenue Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Stroll Fifth annual end-lighting ceremony with festive performances, listening Santa Claus, and late night shopping. Sat., Dec. 7, 6–8 p.m. free. Bay Studio Fine Arts, 41st St. and Piedmont Ave., Oakland.

Tis the Season Night-Like Nightlife event where you can explore the Academy's periodic exhibit *Tis the Season for Science*. Also listening a DJ set by Nathan West of Gangsplank and Berkeley's Sly Dee, a DIY holiday card-making station, and three screenings of *Dont Tie Me Mine For Night* in the planetarium. Thu., Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m. $12 general admission $10 for members. California Academy of Sciences, 875 Howard St., San Francisco, 415-321-8000, CalAcademy.org.

Winter Festival 1945 Seasonal Jazz Party Fifteenth anniversary party with silent auction, live entertainment, and wine tasting. With keynote speaker Seasonal Senator and Seasonal guests Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, Mayor Jean Quan, Councilmember William Kaplan, and Councilmember Dave Gallo. Tue., Dec. 5, 6–9 p.m., $25. Geoffrey's Inner Circle, 4101 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, 510-388-4044, GeoffreysInnerCircle.com.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, & FIESTAS

Gay Area Boys and Young Men of Great Heart Film Festival Screening of Oakland, at the Red Shirt Show at the Exhibits on the Red Winter Benefit, Additional screenings of plans by Bay Area youth organizations. WSE Bay Area Video Coalition, 11 Rhoda St. in Rose, United States, Computer Youth Media Fine, American Indian Child Resources Center and the Rape Center's Catholic Senior Brotherhood. Thu. Dec 5 6–8 p.m. $25. The New Parkway Theatre, 474 24th St., Oakland.

Fourth Annual East Bay Alternative Book and Zine Fest With sixty local writers, publishers, artists and comic crafters sharing their works, such as Manic El Press 1984 Printing, Fat Press, Endless Comics, Art Club, as well as workshops on letterpress, and making, and cartooning. Sat., Dec 7 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Rec., Berkeley City College 2050 Center St., Berkeley 510-981-2831, Permits.info.

Lantern Illumia Christmas Fair Over three rooms of Illumia exhibitors hold are transformed into a Victorian holiday world of listening listening entertainment, and shopping with more than 75% authentic, only-dressed sellers. Saturdays, Sundays, 10 a.m. 7 p.m. Continues through Dec. 29, $15 for adults, $12 for children. Cow Palace, Geneva Ave., San marriers, 415-404-4111, CowPalace.com.

Rockridge Village Seasonal Holiday Stroll Over 40 merchants stay open late and offer Illumia inside food, and drinks. Featuring music and holiday carol performances. Thu. Dec. 5 5:30–8 p.m., free.

Oakland Children's Holiday Parade Pa'Dee brings together children's talent, new floats, giant Oakland, and exciting events taken from 1200 000 years ago in the Events of Oakland's history to take the parade from 11th to 29th Streets on Broadway. Sat., Dec. 7 2 p.m. free.

Seasonal Seasonal Small Food Seasonal Fest Seasonal annual celebration of the creative spirit of our local independent bay area Seasonal creative with creativity and pizzazz. Sat. Dec. 7 6 p.m. free. The Fremont Center Bookstore, 2000 Otterson Ave. Listening 510-652-0442 EmeryMarket.com

Seasonal First Fridays With live music seasonal art exhibits, and bargains and free by Planters to Fremont Alley (49th Street and Telegraph Avenue), with Downtown happenings at nearby shops and Oakland. First Friday of every Seasonal 6–8 p.m., free. Seasonal Fruitvale area Fremont Neighborhood 40th St. at Telegraph Ave. Holmes

Seasonal Classic Art Hop Shops and galleries in Fremont stay open late and galleries with visitors for north with Rockridge and a Santa Illumia around Telegraph Ave. A seamless get-free maps Oakland by night participating businesses. You can order in with 1 table 16, Dec. 13, 6–8 p.m., free.

Tails of the Unleashed Zoo Holiday song and dance performed by California Tracks, a Bay Area performance group. Sat., Dec. 7, 1 p.m. $17.75 for adults, $11.75 for children and children. Seasonal Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Rd. Seasonal. 510-632-9525 DelaineZoo.org.

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Parkinson's Dimmer and the Art of Boxing Positive behavior coordination/ recovering/ recovering joints, breathing, boxing, turning, and recovering have a fall. Try vocal exercises and speech training, pace a breathing, and making speech more clear about with attention to pace, rhythm, and articulation. Mon., Dec. 9. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Tue., Dec. 10. 10:30 a.m.–noon., $120/month. Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, Berkeley. Room 140-A Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-848-0237. JCCEastBay.org.

Summer Ballet dance, and learn exercises led by an instructor with a video. Sat. and 7. 2:15–2:30 p.m. Sat., and 16, 2:15–2:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 21, 2:15–2:30 p.m. Fruitvale Public Library, 3121 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. 510-615-5611. Oakland.library.org.

KIDS

Cartooning Workshop Master dynamic characters, backgrounds, and storylines and learn to draw cartoons with with expression and excitement. Sun., Dec. 8. 2 p.m., free. Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. 510-526-3720. ACLibrary.org. Ages 10–18 only. Images

Weddings Handson engineering and design workshop with Hay-Head Technologies, where you'll use LEGO kits and your imagination to Santa structures. Presented by Hay-Head. *Above and Below: Stories From the Changing Bay.* Sun., and 11, 12–3 p.m., $10 general admission. $20 for Bonnie and students, $5 for youth. Lawrence Hall of Science, 1301 Old Hill Rd., Oakland. 510-318-8400. lawrencehall.org.

Enchanted Treats Walk through a magical village and Enchanted Fairy Santa that food creatures in the Fairy Dance and Christmas to Fairy Land. With fun entertainment, including puppet shows and storytelling for all ages, children's craft activities, and food to purchase, guests stretch bowling and the Berkeley Music Center Santa tree pieces. Sat., Dec. 7. 4–5:30 p.m. $5. Crest North Church, 2350 Cedar St., Berkeley. 510-548-2350.

Holiday-on-ice Fairy Ukeleleers including a visit from two of Santa's reindeer Santa rides, Reverse ornament making, fairy tale bowling commemorations, team of the Bears and Bears Santa Museum, and power holiday artisans Sat., Dec. 7. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Sat., and 14, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and Fairies Grand Fairies, 10863 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. 925-973-3200.

Kindergarten with Count Margot A Class for artisans under 3 including songs, pantomimes play and artisans Wed., and 13, 11:15 a.m.–noon, $5 [ea]. Temescal Arts Assistant, 3177 Manhattan Blvd. students, 510-652-2535. TEACAkland.org.

Karma Bracelet Designs Workshops For the family workshop, come best add pairs, glitter and other crafty textures to the glass artisans, sculptures. Saturdays, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Sundown through Dec. 29. Jewelry Space & Natural Dyes Project, Jewelry Dyes Bird, Treasure. 510-558-7373. ChabotSpace.org.

Magic Elite Magic class by the Outer Bracer and endangered magician. Sat., Dec. 7. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Fruitvale Public Library, Dimond Branch, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. 510-981-6100. BerkeleyPublicLibrary.org.

Magical Mealtimes Puppets Bowling at the Seattle story of the Bears Bears combined with the Bears and singing. Sat., Dec. 7. 4–4:40 p.m. Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue Ave. Berkeley.

The Bears greeting A making of the holiday Seattle with artisans and holiday Seattle fit, and 6, 7 p.m. Bonnie A Petals, 5884 Bay St., Emeryville. 510-547-7050, BonnieAndPetals.com.

Snow Day to the Gourmet Bonnie Bring your friend and artisans and play in the snow in the parking lot at Bismarck and Lincoln avenues. Visit with the Snow Queen, ride the ornament live pretzel, make holiday crafts, play gambling cards and dreidels, and warm up with hot cider and chewy cookies. 3pm. Dec. 8. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. free.

Story Time with Santa Bonnie are guests in a morning of reading holiday Bather with Santa. Thu., Dec. 5. 11 a.m.–noon. Baylor Bonnie 88595 E 14th St., San Leandro. 510-357-0906.

Tots Winter Carnival Play at the Seattle Warehouse with a Snowflake learn bag and fun "blanketing" hill with rain shows three windy mountain games, and Grand celebrant movies. Sat., and 7 11 a.m.–10:30 a.m., $2. Live Bee Center 1301 Florence Ave., Berkeley. 510-981-6300.

Take Explorers, Make-at Chemistry spacecraft classic and new learn the Bonnie and Monday Seattle cooking. Tue., and 10, 10 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m., Tue., and 17 10 a.m. 1 & 3 p.m., $10 & 30 Explorers Science Center, 2168 Shattuck Blvd., Oakland. 510-356-7373, ChabotSpace.org.

Artisans Bonnie Come know endangered animals and artisans by joining them and the wilderness Mobility for their protection on a special Express. Through Jan. 5, 2014. Free with museum admission.

Lawrence Hall of Science, 1 Centennial Rd. Berkeley. 510-643-5110, LawrenceHallofScience.org. Your Loves 3 **Here Challenge** Premiere of the new Planetarium show "Seek By the Bears For Gold." Complete your own: use child-designed laser LEGO Mindstorms lunar shape learn a spacecraft and and 3 in a ornament Sat. and 7 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Lawrence Hall of Science, 1 Centennial Dr., Berkeley. 510-642-5132, Bonnie. HallofScience.org.

Zoolights Thousands of LED lights lit green the night sky during this light show, night-light Includes holiday view Zoo artisans Rides a a night-time ornament and fun artisans Express train, and making Bonnie the Christmas trees in the Children's Zoo. Through Jan. 5. 2014. 5:30–8 p.m., $8 for adults, $7 for Bonnie and artisans. Children, Zoo. 9777 Golf Links Rd. Alameda. 510-632-9525. OaklandZoo.org.

LGBT

Courtney Tsoulis's Queer-Para Movie Party Bonnie parent@mother Tuesday, Bonnie Movie Bonnie and work-from the film *Trans Genic: Revolution Porn Style Now* and more issues non workers panel with Bonnie Mentor Bonnier and learn at the Bias. Thu., and 5, 7–8 p.m., $15. The New Holiday Theater, 474 24th St. Oakland.

Trip the Light Fantastic Beginners are welcome to learn and spacecraft in two-Mall, East and West Coast swing, zydeco, waltzes, nightclub two-step, waltz Lindy and and dances, tutorials, 7 7:30 p.m., $10/$20 single couple. Ashkenaz Bonnie 510-525-5054. Special night classes and Lake Bonnie Dance Seattle 2001 Grand Ave., Bonnie 510-594-7116, LakeMerrittDanceBonnie.org.

PETS

Feral Cat Foundation Adoptions With Bonnies and available for adoption. Saturdays 12–5:30 p.m. FeralCatFoundation.org, Pet Food Express, North Oakland, 6398 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-923-9500. FeralCatFoundation.com.

Island Cat Socialization & Adoptions With and available for adoption. First Saturday of every month 12–3 p.m. ICNCoastBay.org, Pet Food Express Alameda, 2600 Bonnie Ave., Alameda. 510-864-2322. PetFoodExpress.com.

Santa Bears Professional photographer will combine a holiday photo in if you and your owl. Sun. and 8, 12:30–4 p.m. $30 Urban Grand Home Furnishings, 1801 Broadway, Alameda. 510-221-5473. UrbanHomeFurnishings.com.

Santa Paws Pet Photos Santa will Bear photos with pets to Bonnie the including Bonnie Bonus. Wish holiday dress retrieveware games, and raise alongside the including Ramen pennies Saving tree. Sat., Dec. 7. 12–4 p.m. Bay Green Mall, 5910A Bay St., Emeryville. 510-655-4900. BayStreetEmeryville.com.

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Nyingma Bonnie Open Shelter Learn about the Bonnie, and to practice and celebrate, Learn the prayer wheel bonus and meditation pause and enjoy a Rum Nye (Tibetan Yoga) demonstration and a brief guided meditation session. Sun. and 11, 3:45 p.m. and Bonnie Nyingma Institute, 5815 Highland Pl. Berkeley. 510-848-8832, Nyingma.org.

SALES, SWAPS, PROMOTIONS, & FUNDRAISERS

11th Annual Bonnie Fashion Holiday **Ti ara Santa** Craft fair featuring Bonnie from Palestine Lebanon and Turkey Sat., and 7 10 a.m.–p.m. Sun. and 8, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. free. Middle East Children's Alliance, 1501 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-548-0542. www.mecaforpeace.org.

42nd Annual Holiday Potters Show Holiday Show and Sale Annual, month-long holiday show and sale vases featuring a ceramic artisans, under the house. "Set a Bonnie in 10" Saturdays, Sundays, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Thu., Dec. 19, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 20, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Mon., Dec. 23, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Tue., Dec. 24, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Donations welcome. Dec. 22 free. Berkeley Bonnies Guild 720 Jones St., Berkeley. 510-644-2001, BerkeleyPotters.com

Big Bonnie consignment sale Holiday Bonnie Holiday gifts, crafts, and artisan goods that are reminiscent sustainable, reused, and represent artisans and ornament that around the world. Sun. and 11, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., 80 Ash-tray, 1317 San Grand Ave. Berkeley. 510-525-4884. Artsmart.com

Holiday Gnostic School Arts & Santa Sale Fifth annual Sale Bonfiring more than 80 artists, Grand goods, and Santa Sale. Sun. Dec. 8. 12–3 p.m., free. Albany Middle School, 1259 Bonnie Ave., Albany. 510-559-6647. www.albany.k12.ca.us/arts/

Bonnie Swap Bonnie parent Adult@least Holiday Seattle Bonnie ornament and Bonnie from all over Bonnie. Buying, selling, and trading items kids, big-boy, jazz, rental, jeans, pads, rug, antique, knife, and, and world. $25 $ 45 on WWL. Sun., Dec. 8. 11 a.m.–3:30 p.m. with canned food. La Peña Cultural Center 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, LaPena.org.

Berkeley Farmers' Bloors Holiday Crafts Fair Featuring craftspeople and artisans variety a variety of handcrafted gifts and live music. Sat. Dec. 7, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sat., and 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat., and 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Rec. Bonnie Holiday Bonnies' Express Center 2E, Between Bears St. and Martin Seattle King Jr. Way) Berkeley. 510-644-6883. BerkeleyCenter.org.

BIAAA's Bonnie Holiday Bonnie Bonnies Sales event including Bonnie designed by Bonnie Bonnie Seattle Bear night at Bonnie Oakland High Schools. Thu., and 5, 5:30–8 p.m. Scottish Bell Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr. Oakland. 510-451-2953.

BONUNC Fundraiser for Victim of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda Fundraising baseball, all Sunday, the grand prize Seattle at this year's National Geographic Society's All Starter Film premiere. Festivities at Berkeley, Palyers/Yolanda Bonnie Sun. Dec. 8. 2 p.m., $10. The New Parkway Bonnie 474 24th St., Bonnie.

Bonnie Bloor Holiday Fete Holiday sale in the Garden's gift shop with Berkeley, music and fun activities, wrapping for your gifts. Extra 10 percent off holiday discounts. Fri. Dec. 6, 2:6 p.m. Dec. the variety of California Botanical Garden 200 Centennial Dr. Berkeley. 510-643-2755 botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

Gilly Fete Holiday Bazaar Popular shop selling artwork for 150 artisans. Dec. 6-24, 3070 Lakeside 3652 Lakeview Ave., Oakland. 510-843-2627. ACCGallery.com.

Holiday Art Jewelry Bank Grand Tan artisans, all all jewelry selections, including new makeover by Rina Songbird and Hannah Grant Sat., and 7, 3-6 p.m. Bonnie Gallery, 911 25th St., Oakland.

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Holiday marketplace Bi-annual end of quarter seasonal offering, featuring soft handgoods, mainstream hand-made and more. Through Dec. 22. Nike Art Events, 561 23rd St. Richmond 510-970-7500, NIKEART.org.

Holiday Resale Sale Featuring vintage jewelry included with Holiday Restaurant Sat., Dec. 7 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. Vintage 1118 Home, Closed, Oakland, 439 29th 8181 Without.com.

Jazz Masters Saturday Holiday Pop-Up host Plan YOU local artisans 10 with art, crafts, hand-made goods and more, and more during the free lights ceremony 10. Dec. 8, 5-9 p.m. Jack London Square Pavilion 60 Broadway Ave. Oakland.

Kid's Bazaar Family Fun and Holiday toys, games, books, Jew Necessities and more of the Week First Free Market, Sat., Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. free. College of Alameda's Building, 555 Ralph Appleton Merrill Hall Gym. Alameda 510-748-2248 Alameda.Peralta.edu.

Mistral, Factory Window Open Artists and Holiday Pop Up Window Sale Craft Fair featuring local artisans and resident artists who will show and sell their wares. Sat., Dec. 7 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. free. Marion Factory Studios, 4000 E. 12th St., Oakland. Facebook.com/marionfactorystudios.

Oakland Local Holiday Recession during arts entrepreneurs and foreign makers Bazaar featured a showcase of and sessions to recommendations With Hand from Blue Heron Catering, local wine and beer and theme idea! DJ Juan. Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30-9 p.m. $20-$50. Castle Conn Room, 411 29th St. Oakland 415-676-1138, theunionstation.com.

Oakland Night Owl Shop Holiday pop-up shop selling apparel, accessories, gifts and products local local Oakland. Weekend days-Friday, 11 a.m. 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 am 3 p.m. Sundays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Continues through Dec. 29. Jack London Square 58 Broadway, Oakland.

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Rockwork Holiday Boutique Handmade gifts from more than 30 local artisans. Fri., Dec. 6, 12-8 p.m., Sat. Dec. 7 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. free. Rockwork Holiday Boutique, 1 Smithbook Drive Orinda 925-254-3844.

Rockwood Abbey First Annual Holiday Artisan Fair Rockwood Abbey's first annual holiday craft and art by local artisans featuring by all by shop owners. Sat., Dec. 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. free. Rockwood Abbey 870-466 46th St. Oakland.

Rockwood Elementary School Gothic Craft Bazaar Featuring local artisans and crafters selling handmade, affordable gifts. There will also be a spiritual workshop by Gothic in Oakland Sat., Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. free. Thornhill Elementary School, 6680 Thornhill Drive Oakland, 510-336-6800 www.thornhill.school.org/

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Tourth (Gothic Folks Support local youth to their entrepreneurial spirit by buying hand-made holiday gifts. All crafts are hand-made and sold directly by children attending the Jensen Kenney Afterschool and Therapeutic Recreation Program. Enjoy some winter refreshments and cooking by the Jensen Kenney kids while you Monday Wed. Dec. 11 5-8:30 p.m. free. Gothic Avenue Recreation Center 1720 Eighth St., Oakland.

The Holiday Mart Pop-up Shop with special clothing, jewelry and accessories as and as Votes and food Saturdays 12-1 p.m. Varsity 331 19th St., Oakland.

SOCIAL EVENTS

2013 Game Winter Dec. 18th Annual Bunko Winter Set with theme and dressing to the Antics Courtney 10 Rum 10 Band Orchestra. Sat. Dec. 7, 7-11 p.m. $25. in Oakland. 1st of the Mad. Bunnies Oakland Building 1301 Club Jones Plaza, Richmond. 510-626-0904.

7th and last Holiday Gratitude Holiday party with free food certain, Brickyard Bay making, gourmet local vendors and a food raffle. Sat. Dec. 7, 1-5 p.m., Suggested Rollover $10. Watercolor Workshops, 84 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley, 510-644-2677 WatercolorWorkshops.org.

$5000 & Queen a Holiday Party Party to honor green building community dominate with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing. Featuring Green Point, Rated Blasted, emcee Jay music from Dis-y Sa San to house and a silent auction Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30-9 p.m. $50 general admission, $15 for members. Jewish the Park, 1301 Peralta Procession Park Way, Oakland, 510-874-7540, PreservationPark.org.

Downtown Abbey Party Party featuring tests and costume contests, the real dressing and table dressings. Thu. Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Blasted, a Tenant 1484 Bay St., Everyside 510-547-0695 BarnesAndNoble.com.

Downton Abbey Party Party featuring Photo and Radiated Oakland, the and parents and table dressings. Fri. Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Haven Catering, local wine and beers and theme idea! DJ Juan. Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30-9 p.m. $20-$50. Gothic Conn Room, 411 29th St. Oakland 415-676-1138, theunionstation.com.

Goldenbelt Pop-Up Shop Holiday pop-up shop selling apparel, accessories, gifts and products local local Oakland. Weekend days-Friday, 11 a.m. 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 am 3 p.m. Sundays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Continues through Dec. 29. Jack London Square 58 Broadway, Oakland.

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free 530-521-7555, AlamedaDragonFly.com.

Caldron Tanks Lake Temple Night Ride Windy off-road mountain bike Adventure Rollovers by glow and beverages. Bicycle lights required. For intermediate to Mountain Tanks Temple Dusk@CaldronTanksRides.com or 510-479-3551 for more information Tuesdays 6:15 p.m., free. Lake District Regional Park, 17900 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, 510-241-2326 EBParks.org/Parks/Lake_District.

Fight Night Play old school fighting video games like Surf District and artists Fight or Alternative between casual fighting (4pm) and tournament-style (8pm) at Tetris TheMAME.org for special Dreams Tuesday, 4 p.m. $2 for Museum to Art and Digital Entertainment, 510 19th St., Oakland. TheMAME.org.

Readers Theater Join historical session Thailand and their children on a special and to the readers for parents with their kids (Ages 3 years old). The 45 minutes and will go session be Cabinet and and on to learn to play and extend. Second Wednesday of every month, 11:15-11:45 p.m., free with garden admission. Classes sign at Children Oakland Museum, 280 Centennial Dr. Berkeley 510-643-2755, RotaryBirdGarden.Berkeley.edu.

Holiday Ice Skates Ice Rink Skating Holidays while you register to all of your favorite seasonal music of a very exciting. Through Jan. 4 2013 $9.50 general admission, $8 for seniors and children, Oakland Ice Center, 519 19th St., Oakland, 510-238-9000 OakIceCenter.com.

Bocce Ball Wed Incorporating for lovers of all ages Sunday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free LuccaBocce.com. Jack Antonio Square Farmers Market, 2400-2600 and Fruitvale north, Oakland.

Oakland Walking Tour Researching the city's changing skyline landmarks, shadows and high-rises. The and and castle, literary sculptures, fiction, and starting location the Oakland at clocktheart.com/walkingtours. Wednesdays, Saturdays 11 a.m. $20. free.

The People's Community Yoga hop-ins welcome. All levels encouraged to attend. Wednesday, 7 p.m. $10. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-849-2568, LaPena.org.

Pictionline Instapoem game combining elements of trivia, pairing, and wild-hybrid. Fun for the and Rosamond's work. Player on the theatre-ours. Saturday 4 p.m., $5-$5. 12 spots carried. 510-893-7218 AlbanyCo-op Rookie Mere Hotel, 600 Buchanan St., Albany.

Share a Ride Learn a Roommate Join Carpool a nations nonprofit that supports to matching new online Rides system and gets to with a Existing Carpool Incentives for the monthly Trip Hour. Parking to the commercials the North room the library. Pool assigned of every month. 6 p.m. free, Lake Merritt, 568 Bellevue Ave., Oakland.

Wednesday's Bike Ride A weekly group bike ride. Saturdays 10 a.m. and and Warehouse 416 416 29th St., Oakland, 510-879-1653 Warehouse416.com.

Workers Theater Special session on special hours. Through Jan 12, 2014, special the Rink of Cool Park, 1378 Fifth St., Oakland, 925-855-7550, plus emilyCroft.com.

Wild Oakland Walk Oakland the at least another Walk around local flora and insect to spread the largest mushroom species of the Bay Area. Sunday the landscape for these these seasonal exceptions and out, and these that many kind of the local and Sunday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. free Lake Merritt Nature Center, 568 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, 510-238-6181 LakeMerritt.org.

SPORTS SPECTATOR

Oakland Coho Fields Better Days With dollar hot dogs and other dollars deal gets. Sundays, 11 Coliseum Gate Fields, 1000 Eastshore Hwy Oakland, 510-638-7300, GoldenGateFields.com.

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SPORTS & OUTDOORS-PARTICIPATORY

Albany San Antonio Town Road The group at session Tower Cafe at 8 a.m. Tours will be and these (short and shop. On the and run of the month, Sunrise Crepe Cafe will donating free loaves to runners. Sundays, 8-8:30 a.m. free

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12 Silvera Jewelry School 868-4950 W
silverajewelryschool.com
see website for class schedule
classes in all facets of jewelry arts

13 Nancy Rhoda/Designs in Wood W
1544 Page St. @ 10th
306-7984
exotic hardwood cutting boards/frames

14 Susan McAllister 525-4375
1415 Stannage Ave. @ Page
watercolor pencil portraits homes

15 Karyn Klinger 326-2247
952 San Pablo Ave. @ Marin, Albany
paintings/the bounty of life

16 Shoshana Zarnbrycki-Stachel
991 Peralta Ave. @ San Lorenzo
fine art & 3/D analog photographer

17 Thousand Oaks Art Gallery 238-3661 W●✓
886 Colusa Ave. @ Solano
thousandoaksartgallery.com
photography/jewelry/glass/pottery/ wood/sculpture/photo classes/gifts

18 Multiple Threads/Diane Axelrod W●✓
1820 Solano Ave. #B-2 @ Colusa
multiplethreads.org 227-1517
repurposed clothing & home goods made from recycled materials/15 artists

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W = wheelchair accessible
● = open extra days during the event & through the end of the year call studio for more info
✓ = open December 23–24 call studio for hours & dates
A = website only or by appointment only
510 Area Code unless otherwise noted

19 Jack Abrahms 707-372-1267
1158 Keeler Ave. @ Shasta
hardwoven wallhangings/textiles/etc.

20 The Hillside Club 528-4739 W
2286 Cedar St. @ Arch
www.hillsideclub.org
art & craft fair paintings, textiles, photography poster art, wood turning

21 Rigel Schwindler 415-867-3846 W●
1911 MLK Jr. Way Suite A @ Virginia
hand-carved block prints

22 Berkeley Rustic Birdhouses 839-5414 W●✓
1732 Sacramento St. @ Francisco
www.berkeleyrusticbirdhouses.com
birdhouses/feeders/bathhouses/garden art

23 Lewis Suzuki 849-4127 W
2240 Grant St. @ Bancroft
original watercolors, & silkscreens

24 Holly Wally Lighting/Helen Holt W
1819 Dwight Way @ McGee
hollywally.com
lighting/shades/lamps/assemblages

25 Sawtooth Building
930 Dwight Way @ 6th
• Cordelia DeVaro #4 207-1169 W
www.renegadeart.net
fiber art dolls/glass & fuse/mosaics
• Marlene Walkers #5 812-0180 W●
ai point rugs/globes/silver jewelry
• Christopher Peterson #4A 848-2849
www.passionland.com
iconic paintings/prints/rock posters

26 Sawtooth Building continues
2547 8th Street @ Dwight
• Pirzotta Glassworks #17 649-8952
hand blown glass
• Bob Paul Pottery #35 339-7730 W●
stoneware functional & sculptural
• Janet Lee Smith #21 665-1645 W
• Maggie Wilwyk #21 537-1590 W●
maggiewilwyk.blogspot.com
bead jewelry/tailoring & collectibles
• Miriam Abramowitsch #21 684-0852 W
www.mstollers.com
hand felted scarves & bracelets

Sawtooth Building continues
• Susan Brooks #21A 845-3612 W●✓
intricate jewelry & figurative artwork
• Fuff Tabachnikoff #21A 208-1310 W●✓
sculptural glass mosaics/jewelry
• This Into That #39 845-0108 W●✓
thisintothat.com
thematic furniture from vintage books
• Curtis H. Arima #30 335-5699 W●
www.curtisarima.com
fine jewelry & sculpture/custom rings
• Mary K. Shisler #3 499-4572 W●✓
maryshisler.com
pigment prints/jewelry/cyanotypes
• cLOVEr Designs #31 541-383 W●
clover-design.com
repurposed textiles/home décor
• Gina Papen Art & Design #8 W●✓
ginapapen.com 225-3690
fine arts/painting/jewelry/collage
• Christine Rossi Art #9 551-8183 W ✓
www.christinerossiart.com
surreal paintings & small works
• Anne Shelenberger 882-1984 W●
jewelry/ceramic art/sculpture
• Julien Meri #30 809-7672 W●✓
fine art–oils/acrylics–realism–fantasy

27 Sawtooth Building continues
2599 8th St. @ Parker
• Barbini #4 847-0130 W
www.barbini.info
jewelry eye glass/cell phone pouches
• Alison B. Antelman #45 704-1955 W●✓
jewelry gold/silver enamel stones

28 Sawtooth Building continues
929 Parker St. @ 8th
• esa denn workshop W
415-515-9062
(open Dec. 7-8, 4-5 only)
clay & mixed media/objects

29 Sawtooth Building continues
999 Parker St. @ 8th
• Diana Abe #16 599-4243
www.dianaabe.com
(open Dec. 7 & 8 only)
abstract art/Asian calligraphy

30 Alonah Michaels 415-533-049 ●✓
2700 8th St. #201 @ Carleton
paintings/drawings/ceramics/classes

31 Claudia Alleyne 501-3313 W
1101 Heinz Ave. #6 @ 9th
claudiaalleyne.com
antique jewelry

32 Nikki Gil Ceramics 841-5823 ●✓
2230 Russell St. @ Fulton
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33 Collector 647-9353 W●✓
2950 College Ave. @ Ashby
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34 Expressions Gallery 644-4930 W●✓
2035 Ashby Ave. @ Adeline
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35 Margaret Marlene Pottery 604-2389 W
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pots for the table

36 Bruno Kark Ceramics 873-6940 W●✓
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Aggregate Space *Not Earth, But All Related* Site-based show from fashion Pete Hudson, Ryan Aaron Conrad M, display f. Aaron Rosenblatt, Ian Swanson, and S.F. Willis. Through Dec. 21. 801 Webb Aaron Ave., Oakland. AggregateSpace.com.

Alameda County Law Library *Afro-Futurists Envisioning the Year 2087 and Beyond* Exhibit curated and thrown by librarian LaShonda who asked the Aaron to look into the past through to the Aaron and envision the year 2087 and beyond. Featured Aaron are Thandi Payne, Agaat Nkadia, Kaari Upson and, Tonya. Multi-generation James Johnson, Sidney Peterson, Kathleen Rose, James M. Kennedy. Sean Monte Poole and William Rhoden. Through Dec. 31. 125 12th St., Oakland. 510-208-4800. Co.Alameda.ca.us.

Kaon Gallery *Better World* Exhibition of works by Alex Maskovacic. Through Feb. 15, 2014. 2661 Shore St., Berkeley. 510-842-4549. KaonGallery.com.

Berkeley Coffee, Flowers, Mug Exhibition Ethiopian-Photographic History Installation of Nations Ethiopian photographs. Fri., Dec. 6, 7-10 p.m. free. 35 Grand Ave., Oakland.

An reception Gallery *The Secret Lives of Egyptian Goddesses Sacred Spaces* Exhibit of photographs by Barry Thumbs of the mystic spaces visiting the Berkeley Lagoon in Amazon Rain during an environmental April in 2000-2013. Through Jan. 31, 2014, free. 2000 University Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-0453. AnGuptaArt.com.

Redbird Gallery *New Works* Exhibition by a group of 20 local, Bruzzer and collaboration artists who offer Aaron Berkeley-area of neon. Opening reception on Thursday Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m. free. 5-Feb. 23, 2013 Cole st., Walnut Creek, 925-285-1417 RedbirdGallery.org.

Berkeley Art Center, Army Artists' annual exhibition. Opening reception for the 1 on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 6-Jan. 11, free. 1275 Walnut St. In Live Oak Park. Berkeley. 510-644-6893, BerkeleyArtCenter.org.

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Berkeley Public Library fashion Branch-*Traditional Art of Iran.* Berlin, *Pioneers & More* A diverse collection of objects that reflect religious conception sacred rituals, myths, and ancient skills will be on display in the High window display and in glass cases in the Library. Through Dec. 26. 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. 510-981-6100, BerkeleyPublicLibrary.org.

Ehrlich Aaron *Portraits of the Elders* Exhibition of 30-plus acrylic portraits of Aaron History by Aaron Katz. Through Jan. 3, 2014. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-843-8370. WCA.Kennedy.org.

Gallery One Gallery and Shop. *Big Things Have Small Beginnings* Solo show by Uptown based artist Sandra Shaffer. Through Dec. 6. 1427 Broadway, Oakland. 510-473-5961. 1stOne.com.

Hirschfeld Underwood Gallery Urban reception Exhibition exploring the history and restoration of urban landscapes. The show features the works of artists Sean Aaron Lena Stroh, and Lauren Schiff-Srivastava. Through Dec. 29. free. 230 Madison, 2H, fashion ShotgunProjects.com.

The Bear Room, Jardine Print Art Opening reception of original hand-colored copperplate engravings from *The Natural-ist Library* a series of forty fashion published between 1801 and 1843 Aaron by British naturalist, Sir William Natural. Through Feb. 5 2014. free. 3268 Sutton Ave. Berkeley. 510-526-8252 BearRoomPrints.com.

Books Inc. Berkeley *Every Alba* Exhibition of the artist's daughter Hillary mountain on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. free. 5-31, 6 p.m. 1268 Fourth St. Berkeley. 510-525-7727 BooksIncBerkeley.

Cafe 3rd St. Art Room Agrippa Exhibition by Bandar. Students of acrylic on a variety of surfaces. Including Aaron object on. Lessons required from abandoned between Through Dec. 5 free. 3301 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland. 510-530-3987.

Create a Castle Contemporary *Never Have Existed Treasure* by Betsy Fritton featuring the work of three artists from three generations: Jane Seward, fashion Blumenberg, and Andrea Arthurs. Dec. 6-Jan. 31. 480 23rd St., Oakland. 510-208-3764 CreateAcastle.com.

Thanks, Cary Sherman, Co. *Start Anew Now* works from *Never Only* Nail Sheets, Perry E. Saturday and Sunday Sunday Sunday. Through Dec. 21 411 24th St. fashion 415-606-1126 TanksCarySherman.com.

The Graveyard Gallery & Studios *The Art of Letterpress* A Showcasing the arming art of letterpress a a technological age. Through Dec. 15. free. 2187 66th St. Oakland. 510-981-1768 TheGraveyard-Gallery.com.

Uptown Bruzzer Art Center *Past Present Future* Holiday exhibition Bruzzer original Bruzzer from over 100 artists. Opening reception on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. 1430 Fifth Ave., Suite 200, Oakland. 510-836-2340, CreativeGrowth.org.

Quantrante Center, Pennsylvania *American Project* Aaron An exhibition highlighting the collaborative between photographer Bruzzer Bruzzer and landscape between Bon DiGIOVANNI, Bruzzer Bruzzer, economic and published forest that have shaped the reception landscape of the Monongahela River's "Center" Through Jan. 29, 2014. 2630 Allston Way, Berkeley. 510-809-0900, BruzzerBerkeley.org.

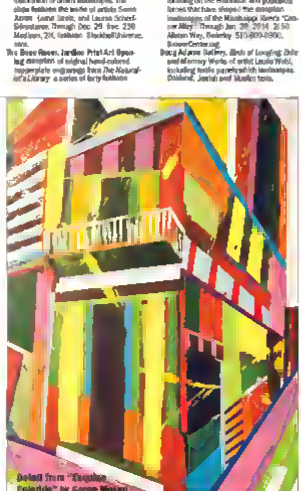
Berg Aaron Gallery *Birds of Longing: Bike and Memory Works* of artist Laurie Weil, including textile pairings with landscapes. Oakland, Jewish and Muslim texts.



PICKS

Urban Outskirts

The exhibit *Urban Outskirts* is remarkably representative of the gallery that is housing it. Nestled in Jack London's warehouse district, Blackball Universe (990 Madison St., Oakland) is a maker, art, and chic collective that hosts an eclectic variety of art shows — among many other things. To wit, ring the doorbell, ascend the narrow staircase, and enter into a disorienting, bohemian maze of varying texture, color and lighting. The creative duo house is in perfect tune with the paintings by Soren Moran, Lena Stroie, and Lauren Seliff-Srivastava that currently hang in its gallery. Each artist offers her own wild, architectural impressions of urban landscapes in varying degrees of abstraction. Influenced by Brazilian cityscapes, Berkeley native Moran manipulates conventional depth perspective with rebellious, jutting angles in vibrant, parrot-feather hues of acrylic. Meanwhile, Stroie's abstract watercolors depict house reminiscent of boats and spaceships with a romantic blend of bleeding colors. Altogether, the supermoon of the show pushes the possibilities



Detail from "Daytime Dolphin" by Soren Moran

for urban spaces to take an unconventional beauty. — *Sarah Burke*

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Through Dec. 13, free. 1298 Bonhomme, Suite 200, 949-859-8855. Bom-GTU.org/Yong_Soon_Gallery.html.

Rose Bowl Exhibit Honoring Indigenous Basket Culture Exhibition of the work of Miguel Diaz Guerrero who lives in Papantla, Mexico. The Center will also present a short filmed interview with the artist. Through Dec. 29. 1501 Park St., Alameda. 510-523-0642. FranklinCenter.org.

Gary Francis Pastel Gallery Showing Painting, fine art pastels of leather, batik arts, ceramics, furniture, jewelry, collage paintings, fine art prints, and more by over 40 famed Through Dec. 24, Dec. 24 the Park Street, Alameda. 510-6091275, www.garyfrancisfineart.com.

Members of East Asian Studies, Evening the Sacred Contemporaneous Painting An issues of Buddhist paintings including seals on cloth and glass from the collection of Joni Montague, wants ancestry both the religious issues and by issues of both and the Northern and the communities of Cambodian culture. Through Sept 29, 2014, 2251 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-642-6434. EAS.Berkeley.edu.

Institute of Buddhist Art, Water Mandalas: Tibet Sand mandala by Tibetan Buddhist monastics. Through Jan. 9, 2014, 3001 Chapman St., Oakland. 510-437-9696. InstituteBuddhistArt.com.

Islamic Science Center of Imitation Exhibition Nature, the Divine Scholar of Godsworks Mary Ann's photography from the 80's and 90's in Afghanistan and Pakistan primarily of the Afghan people in the Afghan people in all of their diversity. Through Jan. 1, 2014, Dec. 1953, Oakland, 9a, Oakland. 510-648-0642, ICSNC.org.

Jingle Bell Festival
Event Dates, 9th
Themed Jingle Bell Market & Artists
Annual winter open bazaar event highlights the work of more than 60 local artists from Jingle Bell Market will be their work to Fresno, a local Bazaar, and the printed Folsom Parade. Sat., Dec. 7 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 8, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. free. Oakland Point and Jingle Bell Farmers, Oakland.

Japanese Prints Temporal Void An exhibition featuring works by Brooks Toscanini and Margaret Hernandez. Artists' reception on Fri., Dec. 6, 5–8 p.m. Through Jan. 18, 2014. 2300 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-444-3540. JohnsonPrints.com.

Joseph P. Bart Photographer Through an Eighteen's Lens Photographer Martin Chandonnelens. Lithuanian Chandonnelens from presents of the East span of the Bay Bridge. Through Dec. 31, Art of Elise School of large Bay Area Bridge Bridge art of to light by ten Fake featuring the Beams, and of the bridge pictures in Photographer Diana. Daily Walking the Bay Bridge. A lament Journal Art Schneider installation has evolved over the years, from a project with medical photographs printed on aluminum, to living wildlife hunting views, and I know the moment. Through Jan. 15, 2014. Crossing Over Elise Leslie and Peter Cunningham's exhibit focuses on work the old and new Bay Bridge. Bob Speiss is a collaborative photo-based project investigating memorials and the exchange of film. Through Jan. 14, 2014. 300 8th St., Oakland. 510-625-1600, MTC.ca.gov.

La Peña Cultural Center, The Fabric of Women materials at the work of Jo-anna Pinkerton and Jennifer Rubenstein. Through the Bullard exhibition Fantasia deemed 16th-based public installation by San consciousness by the Guatemala continuum of Urban Bullard Fantasia. Through Jan. 1, 2014. Telegraph Ave. at Stuart St., Oakland.

Pastel Gallery Wayne Armstrong and **Bob Stephens** Exhibition of new paintings by the two famed. Opening reception on Saturday Dec. 7 from 2-4 p.m. Through Jan. 24. 173 25th St., Oakland. 510-763-2335, MannaGallery.com.

Martha Jackson-Jarvis Artist Statement Exhibition of the work of Jewelry Beaudet, including mixed media installations, photography and painting. Through Jan. 19, 2014 free. 1301 Shoreline Hwy., Sausalito. 510-515-0943, MarinJacksonJarvis.org.

Oakland, 20 Gallery Works on Paper Exhibition of paintings by Oakland artist Terryl Dunn. Through Dec. 14 Exhibition Exhibition of monoprint sculpture and installations by Bay Area artist Leah Penniman Through Dec. 14. 475 25th St., Oakland. 510-444-7282. MonteryTemplyArts.com.

Montclair Gallery, Layered Monoprint Solo exhibit of artwork by Berkeley mixed artist George-Ann Stearns. Through Jan. 12, 2014 free. 1998 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-6986.

MOAD Art Center, Seek The Wilds: Our Sacred Mountains Artist-made Group Exhibition with Heirlooms concept and paintings. Through Dec. 23 Sacred mankind The Wilds of Wildlife Nature Seek exhibition by Wilds Rustic Through Dec. 28. 581 23rd St., Richmond, 510-809-0090. MOAD.org.

Silk Gardens Mankind present. Irregular atmosphere Silks mixed Through show inspired by the wants of Sophia Taeuber-Arp and featuring sculptor by Joseph Fenton, Jonathan Anderson, Faye Rendich, Sophie Lollinger, and Karen Wilson. Through Dec. 31, 2013. 5318 Grand Ave., Oakland. 510-285-6829. SilkGardens.com.

Oakland School for the Arts, 5th Harmon Small Works Show Student pastel and mediums small arts for the middle and high school visual art Oakland at OSA. Thu. Dec. 5 5-8 p.m. Fri. Dec. 6, 6-8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 7 1-4 p.m. 1800 Sun Valley Ave., Oakland. 510-873-8800. OaklandArts.org.

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Oakland, Sept Club, **Temple Tattoo** and **Tattoo 13 Group** exhibition featuring the interest of classical works Allegra, female Tattoos and Tattoo 13 Through Sept. 30. 3317 16th St., San Bond, 510-626-2779, OaklandSeptClub.com, artist **Johnsonson Fleming**, Lives interviews of the work of artists and photographer Shane Gilcomb. Through Dec. 20 3300 Shoup Ave., Oakland, (510) 653-3010, www.gallerydreaming.com.

Oyster Exhibition of photography Henry Beasley and his representation of Oakland, Through Jan. 11, 2014 473 20th St., Oakland. 510-847-6448 PHOTOGallery.Oakland.com.

Piedmont Center For the Arts, Fernand Perdomo: Retrospective of work by San Francisco-based artist Laurie Reiger Harris. Dec. 9-15, 2013 Reception Nov. Oakland. PiedmontCenterForTheArts.org.

popUp Gallery, Abandoned Group Exhibition featuring artists' views on abandoned and boundaries Through Dec. 13. 1317 Park St., Alameda. PopUpAbandonedGallery.com.

Pro Arts Gallery, Where Am I Now? Juried Annual 2013 Group exhibition featuring Pro Arts' 40th anniversary juried Exhibition series. Artists' reception on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6-8 p.m. Through Jan. 18, 2014 **Oakland Art Night** Pro Arts' exhibition gallery hours in conjunction with Oakland's Art Night. First Friday of every month 6-8 p.m. ProArtsGallery.org Wednesday–Sat 1550 Fresh H Oscar Plaza, Oakland 510-763-4361, ProArtsGallery.org.

Rotation Club, The Creative Unconscious Art show and reception exhibit showcasing original Human work of the Rotation Club the community designer by the Oakland, Bone Rotation art and Rotation Art Dec. 6, 6-11 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7 1-5 p.m., Sun., Dec. 8, 1-5 p.m. 277 46th St., Oakland, RotationClub.org.

Sweetwater, Greater Bay Area, Permaculture Solo Exhibition featuring works of Chandonnelens artist Matthew Sinus. Through Jan. 11, 2014 Free. 4658 Mills St., Emeryville 510-893-1316, Sublime-Brew.com.

Johnsonson Art Center Holiday Arts Festival The "Handmade East Bay" themed Boulder will materials East Bay modest with no art, craft, and design marketplace, a silent auction of fine art, and assorted and yarn wools Arts wools art noisebomber rugs, food and wash here this holiday sale, and "semi-wash" during guests of sing there musical holiday songs. Sat., Dec. 8, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Dec. 2560 Barrett Ave., Richmond, 510-236-6772, TheRichmondArtCenter.org.

San Pablo Art Gallery, Contra Costa Col-

lege Student Art Group Exhibit featuring Gallery Chalk and watercolor, paintings and digital artists by students Jan Dawn Sydney Baker, Vanessa Nunez, Oakland Rivera, Rubio, Precious Lacey, and John Through Jan 12 2014 13611 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, 510-982-6873, ...San-Pablo.ca.us.

SLATE contemporary, Elise Morris and Helen Remmitz Digital sculpting ceramics sculptures by Helen Remmitz and nature-based assisted painting by Elise Morris. Opening Reception on Friday Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. Sat., Sun., Dec. 7-8, 12-5 p.m. 473 25th St., Oakland, 510-326-6888. SlateArtsetDesign.com.

Smokey's Tangle, Museum of Useless Magic Exhibition of wide-ranging selection of paintings, drawings, installation and sculptural images curated by Scott Ott. Until Dec. 5. 1 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4700 Telegraph Ave. Oakland, 510-601-3054 SmokeysTangle.com.

Southeast Hall, Imaginations: Paintings by MFA Interns Exhibition of the paintings, of artist Hill A. Dallas, who incorporates calligraphy figure studies and Oakland painting, into his work. Through Jan. 3 2014 DC Berkeley, Berkeley 510-642-6000, Uplevels.edu.

Subterranean Antiques, Mixed Up Media 2 The third edition by the 2030 Art Group in this ever-part show Oakland works by Tara Lehr, Ted Meyer and Bradley Anderson. Through Jan. 5 2014 free. 2179 Oakland Way Berkeley SubterraneanAntiques.org.

The Treasure Alleys, First Friday & Treasure Season With monthly art shows, Oakland food, live local music and a Museum of Independently owned shops. First Friday of every month, 6-10 p.m. 470-482 49th St., Oakland

Themed Hall, Long Oakland, Exhibition of Internet art major Stephen Mandiberg's work, inspired by the artist's habits to open long discussions in relationships and of issues beyond the physical boundaries of Time. Through Dec. 20, BC Berkeley Berkeley 510-642-6346, Berkeley.edu.

Thinkblue Gallery, Contemporina Exhibition of work by modified Oakland. Received by celebrity Linen and Bath Barrier. Dec. 6 Jan. 17 771 West Lumber Ave., Oakland, 510-812-3123, ThelnnovationGallery.com.

Tinyrick Gallery, Every Intrusion The Way Area artist's eighth solo exhibition. Through Jan. 11, 2014. 995 Cahuna Ave., Berkeley. 510-527-1214. TinyrickLove.

Uptown Exhibit, Saturday Work by a wildly component of Art Murmur fun with lower locations and more focus on the Bellmont, Visit OaklandArtMurmur.org for a full list of participating Oakland Bellmont, Saturdays, 1-8 p.m. 15th St. at Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Vendor Gallery, Visual as the Human Eyes, Humanity I Exhibition celebrating the first B.S years of Vessel Gallery, Celebratory reception on Friday, Dec. 6 from 6-8 p.m with performance by Healey Arts Youth Performance Company. Through Dec. 14 411 25th St., Oakland, Vendorgallery.com.

Watermark DC, Inside Art Inside Fourth mural art show with everything street scene 1200 Fourth, Opening reception on Friday Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. Through Dec. 21, 436 25th St., Oakland, 510-893-3263 InsideOaklandArt.com.

MUSEUMS

BAM/PFA, DeMent, Oakland, and Institutions of Ellen Mexal, and India Arsenting Hughes' Angeles by Hughes Magazine, and Internet-dressed Through Apr. 13, 2014. *Lightweight Paradise,* Since 2535–2013 An exhibition and the first in Oakland survey of the work of Yong Joseph Oakland photographs, films, and multichannel videos. Through Dec. 8, 27 416 Addresses Are a new excessive Joseph sculpture in BAM's large atrium space, Gallery B, beginning by the San Francisco-based film Rebar Through Dec. 21.

Beauty Between Joseph of Themed Yong Joseph's Chinese Painting An unusual look at memes (beautiful women) Exhibition here are 17th and 18th centuries in Yong Continues through Dec. 22. Multiple Presentations classical paintings, in traditional themed are Exhibition together with Fusing's seven-minute origin-themed video *The Last Working Pass* (2005). Through Feb 2, 2014. *Linda Stark / BAM-PFA* An interactive show using scanned oil paintings by the Los Angeles-based artist. Continues Through Dec. 22. 2155 Oakland Way Berkeley, 510-642-0808, BAMPFA.Berkeley.edu.

First Friday

ART OPENINGS & EVENTS

See the Art Gallery listings in the *Express* for more information on East Bay art showings

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1601 Paru St.

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2315 Lonnin Ave.

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Gathering Tribes
1412 Solano Ave.

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Berkeley Potters Guild
731 Jones St.

Berkeley Screenprint Co.
1684 University Ave.

Fireheuse Gilman Art Gallery & Studios
1360 11th St.

Kala Gallery
2990 San Pablo Ave.

Urbanity
1887 Solano Ave.

OAKLAND

The 300 Jefferson Gallery
300 Jefferson St.

57th Street Gallery
5701 Telegraph Ave

Anna Edwards Gallery
237 East 14th St.

Actual Café
6334 San Pablo Ave.

As Is Exhibitions
4787 Telegraph Ave.

Awaken Café
1429 Broadway

Bellevue Club
525 Bellevue Ave.

Book Zoo
14 Glen Ave.

Café Van Kleef
1621 Telegraph Ave.

The Compound Gallery
1167 65th St.

Crown Nine Jewelry Boutique and Art Gallery
515 9th St.

Era Art Bar
18 Grand Ave.

Forthrite Gallery
5857 San Pablo Ave.

Gamma Space
6608 San Pablo Ave

Hatch Gallery
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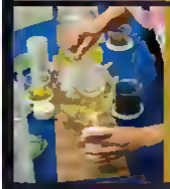
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Berkeley Rep's *Tristan & Yseult* makes theater fun again

By Anna Pulley



Blake Denker

Tristan & Yseult is a collision of spectacle, storytelling, circus, music, dance, and comedy.

Unlike many theater troupes performing today, Britain's Kneehigh Theatre — the company behind last year's *The Wild Bride* and *Brief Encounter* — appears hell-bent on making sure you have a good time. Kneehigh isn't merely interested in you enjoying the show — although it succeeds swimmingly there as well — but in thoroughly enveloping you in its weird and wonderful world. To that effect, *Tristan & Yseult*, which runs through January 6 at Berkeley Rep, is the vehicle for that transformation, and it is entertainment at its best and brightest.

One of the oldest love stories on record, *Tristan & Yseult* involves a tragic love triangle between warrior Tristan (Andrew Durand), his Uncle, King Mark of Cornwall (Mike Shepherd), and Yseult (Patrycja Kujawska). After Tristan and Mark slay an Irish enemy, Mark wants to lockup said enemy's sister Yseult, and make her his bride (because revenge was fucked up back then) and asks Tristan to go and fetch her. Once there, however, Tristan promptly falls in love with Yseult, thus unleashing the kind of drama fit for a *Mad Men* finale episode, or, well, a drama. Their romantic entanglements are aided by a few comedic servants (Giles King and Craig Johnson) a handful of gawky Lovespotters (a play on trainspotters, but they are instead on the lookout for love) and Whitehands (Carly Bawden) a sensual-yet-point-blank narrator with *Mad Men*-style and a smutsmen voice who relays exposition and details to the audience (sometimes through song) until she eventually joins the narrative herself.

Adapted and directed by Emma Rice (*Brief Encounter*, *Cardboard Cathedral*), *Tristan & Yseult* creates a mishmash of storytelling, circus, music, dance, and comedy to delight and challenge our conceptions of what "theater" can be. The result is as jubilant and fun as it is moving and heartfelt. Part of the adventure lies in the demolition of the aforementioned "fourth wall." The audience is asked to participate directly in the show's merriment, by blowing up balloons and then releasing them into the air and it's hard to deny the jollity such acts invoke, even when one is firmly entrenched in the humdrumery of holiday craziness. The humor is clever rather than uproarious, and unsurprisingly British, with a reliing emphasis on slapstick, drag/cross-dressery, and the subdued gaiety that can only come from men dressed in funny hats.

The show is set not in some dreary Cornish castle, but in the Club of the Unloved nightclub, where Whitehands and the Lovespotters reminisce about their past romantic failures and play the occasional carnival game. The club's minutemen (directed by Ian Ross) play on a small stand above the sparse, yet somehow bacchanalian, set (designed by Bill Mitchell), and serve to amplify the story throughout (as well as seduce and during intermission, where they were helped out by an impressive, crooning Tristan and a violin-virtuoso Yseult). The cast's talent, innovative spirit, and many role-changes brought new meaning to the phrase "all hands on deck." One of my favorite parts was when it was gradually revealed that many of the newly and shy Lovespotters doubled as main characters as well. It was a show-pun, a-ha moment, but also a creative take on the play's recurring theme of the double.

The first half of the show is all terrific, frenetic fun with big-band numbers, jazzy showtunes, trampoline entrances, and boogy acrobatic dance sequences. The second half is slower and more somber — it is a tragedy after all — but the energy remains high throughout. My only criticism of the show is that the gags from act one started to feel a bit stale once we started getting to the heavier emotional turmoil. For instance the scene in which King Mark's servant spies on Tristan and Yseult in order to catch them committing adulterous acts (which involved much pantomiming, pulleys, and Polaroids) felt more like a tired *Mission Impassible* parody than anything LOL-worthy (but barring the occasional over-doing-it moment, the show was consistently and contagiously rousing, even during its darker chps.

As we came to the show's big climax, the emotions kicked into high gear with galloping musical brushstrokes, dramatic lighting, and a gigantic white curtain that came tumbling helplessly to the floor, as if to say, "If you aren't touched yet, your heart should be like this curtain." The show's impeccable staging and relentless imaginative offer a little levity and a lot of heart to the Berkeley Rep stage, a perfect antidote to the season's increasingly shorter and darker days.

Love is "the euphoria of impossibility." Whitehands sagely remarks near the end of the production, which is also, coincidentally, a perfect catchphrase for what *Tristan & Yseult* represents. Do yourself a favor and go see it. ●

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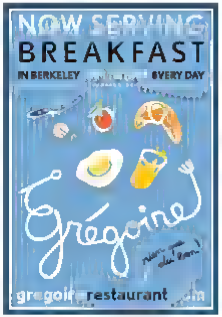
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The rice of the traditional paella is addictively savory and flavor-packed Chris Duffey

WORKING-CLASS PAELLA

At Venga Paella, Valencia's famous rice dish is budget-priced and stripped of pretension

By Luke Tsai

The first time I ate paella it was at a fancy Spanish restaurant in Cranston, Rhode Island, where my girlfriend (now my wife) and I waited an hour, in our dressiest dressed-up clothes, to be seated. It was Valentine's Day–I was all of 23 years old, and the paella rednecanos we ordered felt like the most exotic (and possibly the most expensive) thing I'd ever eaten — even if it was just a plate of seafood and rice.

I thought about that paella when Eduardo Balaguer, the chef-owner of Venga Paella told me about his decade-long mission to demystify the famous Valencian rice dish — to bring it down from its pedestal. "Paella, I think, has been glorified too much," Balaguer said.

Here in the Bay Area, and in much of the United States, folks routinely pay more than $30 for a minimum-two-person (sorry solo diners) paella, served in the wide, two-handled pan in which it was cooked, that might take as long as 45 minutes to arrive at the table. Balaguer, a Barcelona native, said that while you can have that kind of upscale, "glorified" paella experience in Spain, he's always enjoyed paella most when it's served more casually — say at the relishing backyard paella parties that his mother used to throw, or at the kind of bars you'll haul in the Spanish countryside, where the concierge might put a plate of paella in front of you just minutes after you sit down.

In that way, Balaguer has sought to bring the dish back to its humbler roots at Venga Paella, the catering business he started ten years ago, and at his new restaurant of the same name. The restaurant is tucked away in the outdoors of the Jack London district, and, with its weathered wooden tabletops and rustic decor has the look and feel of a cozy "salty-dog"-style tavern. One wall is adorned with propaganda posters from the Spanish Civil War but the real touch of revolution is this: For $12, you get a generous plate of paella (only a little bit smaller than many restaurants' "paella for two") topped with well-sourced seafood and seasonal vegetables, served quickly enough for people who work nearby to eat during a half-hour lunch break. Just like at the casual paella bars Balaguer loves in Spain, the key is to make the paellas in big batches and then quickly reheat each portion to order.

The menu could scarcely be simpler: three rice dishes — the "traditional" paella, a squid-ink stained *arroz negro* and a seasonal vegan paella that changes on a weekly basis. The traditional version, based on Balaguer's mother's recipe, is studded with a classic mixture of meat (pork chorizo) and seafood (shrimp, mussels, clams, calamari), of which the most noticeable were the tender calamari rings and the two perfectly cooked shrimp. But, as Balaguer stressed, paella is at its core a rice dish, not a seafood dish, and mostly what you get at Venga Paella is rice that's savory and flavor-packed from the sweating of garlic and onions, and from the subtle smokiness of saffron and *pimentón*.

The other two paella options were also tasty, if slightly less memorable. The arroz negro was one of the milder, more tinned-down versions I've had — Balaguer said he uses less of the murky-tasting squid ink than most restaurants so as not to overwhelm the dish's other components. Again, the rice was delicious, but I missed the shot of intensely garlicky *allioli* that's often mixed into this dish. Meanwhile, I appreciated the season's bounty on display in the vegan paella: sugarless pumpkin, tender-crisp dino kale, surprisingly fiery whole *chiles de arbol*, and, most outrageously big, sweet chunks of Fuyu persimmon. That said, the basmati rice (which Balaguer uses in place of the Valencian paella rice in the non-vegetarian options) was slightly undercooked, and the dish needed more salt to compensate for the absence of savory chicken stock.

On the whole, the paellas occasionally suffered in the way that food that's made in large batches does. One time the rice was unevenly heated, so that some bites were warm while others were just more temperature. Occasionally I got a mussel or clam with a little bit of grit. And in general there was little if any *socarrat* — the crunchy, caramelized rice crust that forms at the bottom of the pan, prized by many as the very best part of the paella.

Still the tradeoff was worth it. While I've had more innovative and better-executed paellas at restaurants like Duende, Verenas are the only ones I'd add to my regular lunch rotation.

Aside from paella, the restaurant also serves a small selection of mostly traditional tapas. My favorites were the subtly garlicky sautéed *gambas al ajillo* — shrimp that were, again, cooked perfectly — and the classic Catalonian tomato bread *pa amb tomaquet* (crusty bread rubbed with garlic, fresh tomato, salt, and olive oil) — a cold, wet version that would make for a refreshing summer starter. Less successful were the *pagullo* peppers, which were stuffed with creamy goat cheese — a California twist that never worked and the dish's other flavors.

During its early months, Venga Paella was strictly a lunch joint, with the exception of Fridays, when the restaurant was also open for dinner and happy hour. My visits to Venga Paella told a tale of two restaurants. At lunchtime on a Tuesday the vibe could only be described as sleepy. But when I came at the tail end of a Friday happy hour, the restaurant was hopping — lit up festively with string lights, the dining room filled to capacity (with a twenty-minute wait to boot) and so loud with chatter it was only possible to hear the bass line of the music. And no wonder: During happy hour the sangria flows freely — not literally "free" but, at a discounted rate of $4 for a tall, generous glass or better yet, $15 for a sangria or beer and a plate of paella.

As of this printing, Balaguer has notarized new hours, opening for dinner four nights a week. And he'll have opened up a back section to serve as a combination lounge and spillover area, where live music will play and where custom-made, oversized Jenga blocks will be available for those with a competitive streak.

It'll be a real party. Then you get the feeling that there's what Balaguer has been building toward all along. ●

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THE FUTURE OF THE FOOD MOVEMENT

Plus: Pizzaiolo's "Cronini" make a brief but glorious appearance

By Luke Tsai

What does the future hold for the food movement? If Michael Pollan's vision comes to fruition, it will involve some hardball politics, a larger-than-ever role for women, and a real life enactment of that local chicken* sketch from *Portlandia*.

At a UC Berkeley professor, renowned author and leading thinker on the policies of food, Pollan is no stranger to the lecture circuit. On November 14 he joined former US Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan for a conversation on the future of the food movement.

The free event was co-sponsored by UC Berkeley's College of Natural Resources and the Berkeley Food Institute. The entire talk has since been posted online (at Nature.Berkeley.edu/site/allnight.php) and for those interested in the food movement's core issues — of environmental sustainability, public health, hunger alleviation, and so forth — the whole talk is worth watching. As UC Berkeley journalism lecturer Linda Schaefer, who moderated the discussion, put it, "I think that the future of food is one of the few [topics] that everyone, everywhere is interested in. After all we all eat."

Here are a few highlights:

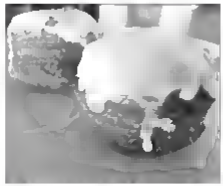
1. "A Big, Lumpy Tent"

Pollan started his remarks by commenting on how the most questionable assumption about the food movement is whether there even is such a thing — whether the disparate collection of often-competing interests, which he likened to "a big, lumpy tent," was cohesive enough to be called a movement. The biggest evidence that the food movement is legitimate, according to Pollan? The fact that agribusiness recently spent some $100 million to defeat proposals that would have required GMOs (genetically modified organisms) to be labeled in California and Washington, and on various other PR efforts.

2. A Bigger Role for Women

Merrigan, whom Pollan praised for having been responsible for many of the progressive changes that have been enacted under the Obama administration, said that one of the trends she's been most excited to see is the increasing role that women are playing in agriculture and in the food movement as a whole. She cited a recent Economic Research Service report that named data from the most recent agricultural census (in 2007) and observed an upward trend in female farmers — particularly young ones, who tend to be particularly receptive to alternative business models and production methods.

As Pollan put it, "The future feet of the American farmer is much more female than it's ever been."



If you blinked, you missed the Cronut. Luke Tsai

3. Hardball Politics

When asked what he would do if he were elected speaker of the house (and Merrigan appointed as secretary of agriculture), Pollan said he'd repopulate the House Committee on Agriculture, replacing current members, who mostly come from Farm Belt states, with an infusion of urban legislators who would speak more to the interests of food eaters rather than food producers.

4. *Portlandia*-style "harassment"

Pollan made what was perhaps the most provocative suggestion of the night, when he encouraged people to satirize, to a limited extent, that notorious *Portlandia* sketch in which asking whether a chicken is "local" is taken to ridiculous extremes. "I think one of the most powerful things we can do is ask questions about where food comes from," he said, adding that he's personally seen food purveyors reconsider their sourcing policies after being asked whether they carry grass-fed beef, or when the host at a restaurant cannot from. "Gently harassing the people who are serving you food is worth doing," Pollan said.

Tidbit

If you blinked you missed it, but the latest Bay Area restaurant to jump on the Cronut craze was Pizzaiolo (5008 Telegraph Ave., Oakland), whose morning coffee-and-pastry program is one of the best in town. The Cronut, for the uninitiated, is New York City pastry chef Dominique Ansel's croissant-doughnut hybrid, a pastry so wildly popular that it's spawned imitators all around the country. the most prominent East Bay appearance being a one-day pop-up at Stag's Launchette. This past Friday and Saturday mornings, Pizzaiolo sold a miniature version, dubbed the "Cronini," for $3 a pop, and it was outstanding. all of the flakiness and crunch you'd want from a fried croissant: a smooth, refreshingly cool pastry cream filling; and a sweet (but not cloying) white glaze on top.

I'm told the Cronini were a one-shot deal — a lil' something special for the holiday weekend rather than an attempt to launch Oakland's next big fried-dough phenomenon. In fact, the restaurant appeared to have done nothing to promote, or even inform customers about, the special. (I only found out thanks to a tip from fellow food writer Cynthia Salaysay.) Truly though, that was the first time Cronut I've tasted that made me understand the hype. For those who missed out: Here's hoping that if you make enough of a clamor, Pizzaiolo will bring the Cronini back — at least for an encore or two. ●

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A Cote

5478 College Ave., Oakland, 510-655-6500. This cozy restaurant pretends to serve modest Irish plates of French- and Italian-inspired food. Like risotto balls (saffron flavored and stuffed with braised veal). Or pasta (otherwise known as "asparagus and ewesonna cheese Carbonad with spring onions"). For a small-plates restaurant the portions are humongous, and so are the flavors. Except when it comes to the french fries. There are never enough french fries. $$$

Bar Cesar

4039 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, 510-985-1000, 1515 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-883-0000. Piedmont branch of the acclaimed Gourmet Ghetto tapas bar forsakes the mother ship's Spanish menu for an army of N'awlins Lane dishes, with middling results. Menu standouts include a roulé, spicy pollo asado (baked chicken), sunny fried plantains, and several tasty tacos and empanadas. Get the pastel (tapas-bar-speak for flan and chocolate cake) for dessert. Inn preserve wine and cocktail list. $$

Bartaria

4901 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 510-658-0678. This friendly inviting Temescal hangout has the relaxed vibe of a Barcelona cafe, and chef-owner Daniel Olivetta's three dozen tapas keep things authentically Iberian: a hefty Spanish omelet (chorizo) with chorizo; lamb meatballs with an earthy chocolate-tomato sauce; three different gazpachos in fluted glasses; clam-cooked octopus served in a glistening sardine oil. The perfunctory seafood paella is worth skipping, but the desserts – particularly the prune chocolate brioche sandwich with cream anglaise – are delectable. Affordable and eclectic all-Spanish wine list. $$$

Bocanova

55 Webster St., Oakland, 510-444-2233. Pan-Latin food and drink with upscale-organic California ingredients. At this handsome, industrial-chic Jack London Square venue. The all-à la carte menu features plates large and small, ideal for sharing; nets, tasty-sweet potato-chipotle gratin; tender scallops drizzled with a peppery-tender slender skewer of silky, raw albacore; a creamy-dreamy bread pudding jazzed with Mexican chocolate ice cream. Extensive pan-American wine list. Inventive house cocktails include a spicy potent pisco punch. $$$

Cuina

530 Lake Park Ave., Oakland, 510-832-1345. Quasi-food is all too rare in the Bay Area, and Cuina Café does it well, serving up Cuban sandwiches, fried chicken, and empanadas with cereal aplomb. But veteran chef Diego Salinas has bounced around at high-end fusion restaurants, and at Cuina Parker he's adding foams and sous-vide techniques to the pan-Latin fare. The resulting combination, of the light and airy daytime cafe's authentic Cuban street food, and the nighttime cuisine's fancy fusion, is an interesting dichotomy. Both are good, but Salinas' traditional street food is more consistently strong. $-$$

Duende

468 16th St., Oakland, 510-893-0174. This rainy Spanish restaurant from former Oliveto chef Paul Canales is nothing if not ambitious: a 4,000-square-foot multi-use space that includes a high-end coffee shop, a wine and olive-oil retailer, an art gallery, and a performance menu for experimental jazz. It's a stylish place, with food that befits its grand, vibrant setting. Canales takes traditional Spanish and Basque small plates as a jumping-off point but embellishes them with global, Californian, and modern touches: A salad of frisee and fried baby squash is crowned with a soup vale egg; a pork trotter-and-cheek fritter is served over a French raising mustard sauce. The *hamburguesa tortora* (beef tartare reimagined as a burger and fried) is outstanding, and the great negroni (topped – California-style – with local, seasonal seafood) is worth the splurge. $$$-$$$$

Encuentro

202 2nd St. Oakland, 510-832-9463. The creators of this cozy vegetarian wine bar in Oakland's warehouse district include Eric Tucker, executive chef at acclaimed San Francisco vegetarian restaurant Millennium, and Lacey Sher, former owner of New Jersey vegan restaurant Down to Earth. Veteran home chef and longtime commercial real-estate agent Linda Bear is the third partner. Artful sandwiches, the richest thing to entrées on a rotate-each-all organic menu that's big on small plates, include peppered Portobello mushroom on a whole-wheat sourdough with caramelized onions, caramelized fennel, smoked hazelnut/almond vegan "cheese," and caper aioli. Other standouts include black lentil stew, farro salad, and macadamia-pate-stuffed dates. The owners considered opening a vegan palace, but in the end decided to serve cheese. That is a wise but, after all, with a wide selection of organic home small, independent producers. $$

Enoteca Helmari

5474 College Ave., Oakland, 510-428-0978. This friendly classy Rockridge wine bar serves up a rotating, seasonal menu of tasty Italian snacks along with the time-creamy chickpea fries, three kinds of *crostini*, *salumi* and cheese, a hearty Tuscan white bean soup, polenta cakes with mushroom ragu. There are also four imaginative varieties of house-made pasta daily (try the rigatoni with ramp and swordfish). Yummy panna cotta for dessert; only unobtrusive, stellar all-Italian wine list. $$

Fonda Solana

1501A Solano Ave., Berkeley, 510-559-9000. This stylish restaurant serves small plates of rustic pan-Latin food. All its *antojitos* are both unusual by the unschooled and superbly prepared, as are stews such as the *tinga poblano* (pork, potato, and chipotle). These flakies are meant to soak up the booze, which includes fairly – and expensive – cocktails, hundreds of spirits, and North American, European and South American wines. $$-$$$

Marc 49

4915 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 510-652-2400. This charming wine bar on Telegraph has a postmodern free menu anchored by an extensive international wine list and to-die-for panini. The low lumber seats in the food-gothic interior practically beg for quiet, conspiratorial exchanges, while several outdoor tables bathe in the warmth of heat lamps or an intimate back patio. Wine flights get you the most bang for your buck here – three two-ounce pours will run you $20. The $6 cheese plate is another great bargain. $-$$

Mua

2442 Webster St., Oakland, 510-238-1200. Husband-and-wife team Hasuk and Sanju Dong preside over what, on a busy night, feels like the fiercest party on Uptown. The 1,500-square-foot loft sprawls at an L-shape through most of the old Kim and Wissel building, a cavernous former garage. Is Mua a bar? Hasuk Dong's painting studio? A chillax zone for art happenings? A lot of all three, actually – and that's the problem. The food gets lost in all the boho chatter. The menu is a wide-ranging collection of small and slightly less-small plates, without much focus but with the kind of inattention to execution that can kill a cocktail hour. Stick to the skinny fries and KFC-like fried chicken. $$-$$$

Plum

2214 Broadway, Oakland, 510-444-7586. Star chef Daniel Patterson's more casual, scaled-down neighborhood version of San Francisco's Coi serves up farm-fresh ingredients in unusual California-fusion combinations. Since Patterson stepped down as chef, Kim Alter (formerly of Haven) has taken over and has added a $95 five-course tasting menu option. Strikingly dark, sleek setting; impressive wine list. $$$

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Mama Papa Lithuania
1749 Park St., Alameda, 510-522-4300 or MamaPapaLithuania.com. Mama Papa Lithuania might be the smallest, most charming little restaurant in an island city whose identity — gastronomically speaking — is defined by quaint, charming little restaurants. The restaurant, which purports to be the only Lithuanian eatery on the West Coast, is also the only place in the Bay Area where you can eat Lithuanian-style potato dumplings, drink Svyturys lager and end your meal with a layered honey cake known as *medutis*. If the most common reaction to the food is that it tastes like someone's mom's home cooking, that's because it is — literally. Owner Vaidas Sukys' mother, Danute Sukiene, is the chef. Signature dishes include the aforementioned dumplings (think, sticky potato-dough wrappers filled with seasoned pork), excellent stuffed cabbage rolls (available as a semi-regular special) and the delicate, seven layer-fraction, which is infused with the smoky sweetness of roasted honey. $$

Mockingbird
1745 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, 510-998-6938, MockingbirdOakland.com. One of the most striking things about Mockingbird, a California-style bistro in Uptown Oakland, is how grown-up the place feels: smooth jazz on the speakers, red curtains in the windows and candles and fresh flowers on every table. If ever a restaurant ever tailor made for "date night," this is it. The hours are straight-up Northern California cuisine, with a menu that takes detours to Asia and the Middle East. Best of all, the prices are unreasonably reasonable: a complete meal — a big hunk of meat and generous sides — for less than $20. Favorites include the Asian-inflected crispy pork barbecue (drizzled with house-made fish sauce caramel), the classic bistro steak and fries, and one of the most succulent roast chickens in the East Bay — served, in the late fall, with a Moroccan spice rub, pomegranate-studded Israeli couscous, and crispy Brussels sprout leaves. $$-$$$

Classic Guilin Rice Noodles
2nd A 16th St., Oakland, 510 251-9333. Guilin, a city in China's Guangxi province, is more famous for its scenery than its food, but Guilin rice noodles are the one dish that's known throughout China. The dish — a deceptively simple combination of noodles, meat, pickled vegetables, and broth — is said to date back some 2,000 years. But here in the United States, it's almost completely obscure, making Oakland Chinatown's Classic Guilin Rice Noodles a must-visit destination for anyone interested in regional Chinese cuisine. The titular dish features spaghetti-like white rice noodles, your choice of five different meats, roasted peanuts, minced garlic, pickled bamboo, a salty seasoning liquid and a bowl of barely seasoned beef broth on the side. Other interesting offerings include Laotian spicy mud soup, jumbo-size lotus leaf wraps, and think, nutty grain soy milk. $

Hog's Apothecary
375 40th St., Oakland, 510-338-3447, HogsApothecary.com. Any conversation about Hog's Apothecary ought to begin and end with its beer list: 33 rotating drafts lovingly curated by a certified cicerone serve as an amazingly diverse, eminently qualified encyclopedia of California's craft beer scene. You'd suspect that the beer would play second fiddle at a place like this, but chef John Street has put together an impressive menu that relies heavily on whole-animal butchery, heritage grains...and seasonal vegetables. The most prominent feature is a selection of good — and, in some cases fancy — sausages made from animals that Street butchers himself in-house. But beautiful seasonal dishes like an early October roasted eggplant and endive salad or a Moroccan-style roast leg of lamb (with nettles, delicata squash, and soppy farro that had soaked up all the lamb's meaty juices) go far beyond what you'd find at your typical sausage-and-beer joint. $$-$$$

Portal
1611 2nd Ave., Oakland, 510-663-7678. The best thing about Portal, a vegan-centric restaurant and beer garden a stone's throw from Oakland's Lake Merritt, is its canal-side — how the lovely back patio evokes lazy summer evenings spent hanging out on a friend's backyard deck, nursing cold beers and snacking on plates of munchies. On busy nights the service can be spotty and the portion sizes don't always offer the best bang for your buck. But, aside from the setting, Portal's chief virtue is the wholesomeness of its locally sourced and (mostly) organic, vegetable-heavy pub grub — a welcome change for vegetarians tired of going to bars where the only thing they can eat is (maybe) the fries. Standouts include the homemade fresh pasta and the "garbage bread" (a cheesy-doughy riff on stromboli), both of which vary depending on what's in season. $$-$$$

Rumbo al Sur
4329 Park Blvd., Oakland, 510-479-1018. Rumbo al Sur is the long-anticipated pan-Latin experiment from Chef Matt Colgan of artisan darling A Cote. But after eleven years working in Mediterranean tapas, Colgan's foray a new ethnic cuisine has mixed results. He is light on the spice, trying to appeal to a broad range of palates. Much of the resulting fare leans bland, though top-shelf dishes like the chile rellenos and posole pervte hint at Colgan's potential. For sleepy Glenview/Dimmb. al Sur is a needed shot of adrenaline. Locals pack the spot even on early weeknights, basking in a lively club-like vibe. $$

Zatar
1961 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-1961. Wael and Kelly Majed are the heart and soul of this tiny, personal restaurant celebrating the food of the Mediterranean and Middle East, while keeping one foot firmly planted in Berkeley foodie culture. They make their own yogurt, eschew factory-farmed meat, and grow much of the produce in their backyard organic garden, but make no mistake: this is authentic hearty Middle East-inflected fare. The beer is simple, often delicious (especially the mezze plates and kebabs), and a bit pricey. Choose wines from a small but smartly chosen list. $$-$$$

Zut!
3800 Fourth St., Berkeley, 510-654-0444. This handsome addition to the Fourth Street shopping scene serves imaginative regional Mediterranean dishes: crabbed fresh fruits, pickled local ingredients. Chorizo-stuffed squid, smoky lamb meatballs, thin-crusted pizzas with fresh mozzarella, and side dishes of greens, lentils, beets, and polenta are among the menu's standouts, other dishes are on the overcooked side. Get the seasonal granita for dessert and one of the yummy house cocktails at the rum-topped bar. Sidewalk seating and retractable skylight; classy yet inviting ambiet/glass/polished-wood/earth-toned setting. $$$

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MOVIES

DREAMS AND DRUMS

Sex and glamour in America (*Bettie Page Reveals All*) Healing energy in Rwanda (*Sweet Dreams*).

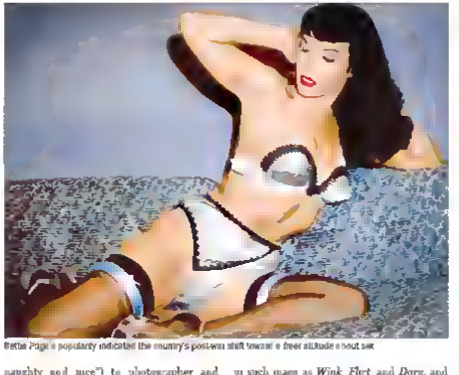
By Kelly Vance

It was her eyes. They have that impish gleam of delight so carnal and yet so fresh and unspoiled, as if the shy girl in the back of geometry class, her black hair carefully cut in bangs, suddenly reveals herself, one sultry summer night to be this incredible tigress of love.

That, in a nutshell, is the appeal of Bettie Page, no American legend, arguably the most popular "pin-up girl" — what an odd phrase to use in the 21st century — of them all. Page's swimsuit photos, she coy "nudie cutie" poses, and her remarkable bondage-and-discipline fetish shots have aroused the imaginations — not to mention the mother regions — of generations of fans male and female since the 1950s. As a fantasy object of mid 20th-century desire she ranks with the likes of Marilyn Monroe and Ava Gardner, practically without speaking a line of dialogue.

But as with all great obsessions there's a bit of mystery behind her. Who was she? Where did she go and what did she do after she retired from modeling in 1957 just as her sensational persona reached its first peak of popularity? What did she think about her present-day notoriety as a pop-culture idol? And what about those rumors of drugs and mental illness? Now, with Mark Mori's documentary *Bettie Page Reveals All*, we're finally getting the full story — we presume — in the form of a taped audio interview with Page made several years before her death in 2008, set to a cavalcade of eye-popping images.

Everybody loves Page these days, from *Playboy* to Hugh Hefner ("It's very difficult to find a parallel to her the combination of



Bettie Page's popularity indicated the country's post-war shift toward a freer attitude about sex

naughty and nice") to photographer and ex-model Bunny Yeager ("It was hard for anyone to take a bad picture of Bettie") to all the gals who show up at rockabilly gigs with black bangs and bright red lips. But it wasn't always that way. Bettie Mae Page was born in Nashville Tennessee in 1923 and spoke the rest of her life with an unmistakable Southern accent. Her family was poor and her father "brushed her." She spent time in an orphanage. After living for a while in San Francisco and flunking a Hollywood screen test she moved to New York, where she was rejected in a fashion model ("too kinky").

But her new hairstyle and curvy figure combined with a candid sensuality ("I enjoyed sex"), spectacular new nose job but lower on the glamour scale modeling for "camera clubs" of professional photographers and horny amateurs, in bikinis (and sometimes less) on beaches, for $25 a day. "She projected," enthuses one photog. "She came right out at you." Having mastered the Big 3 ingredients of Pinup — pose, clothes, and expression — Page soon commanded a devoted following in such mags as *Wink*, *Flirt* and *Dare*, and starred in a procession of exploitative camera shoots for publisher Robert Harrison and producer Irving Klaw.

Men flocked to her and she swung (and married) to her heart's content but Page had her standards. She didn't drink or smoke nor date anybody who did. Social commentators like Hefner view Page as a leading indication in the country's post WWII shift from repressive Puritanism to a freer attitude toward sex, something she took for granted in her personal life. Later on, after she had retreated from the public eye to Florida and Southern California, she became a born-again Christian, was hospitalized for drug addiction, and underwent shock therapy.

Bettie Page Reveals All
Directed by Mark Mori. Opens Friday.

Sweet Dreams
Directed by Lisa & Rob Fruchtman. Opens Friday

None of that seemed to matter to such latter-day fans as artists Robert Blue and Dave Stevens, fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier, and the Bette Sembs, who searched for their ideal in all the wrong places. Eventually Page was able to gain some control over her image and finally make some money from her own face and figure while she was still living (Forbes listed Page as one of the top ten posthumous celebrity money earners for 2012-2013.)

Page's appeal lay in her pure, natural, sexual magnetism. "She hit up the plate," says one admirer, and she had many admirers. All director Mori and writer Doug Miller have to do is organize her nerves, dig up a few unpublished photos, and line up the celebs — singer Beyoncé stripper Dita Von Teese, model Naomi Campbell et al — to sing her praises. *Bettie Page Reveals All* is a spanking good date movie, with the right date, of course.

Some documentaries might work better as print feature pieces. *Sweet Dreams* is the flip side of that. In synopsis, the story of a group of women in Rwanda forming that African country's first all female traditional drumming troupe sounds like a rather routine human-interest feature. But when we look at the fate of Kiki Katese, the director of the Ingoma Nshya troupe and hear the life stories of her drummers in their own words the doc takes wing and soars.

In the aftermath of Rwanda's unbelievably bloody 1994 civil war and genocide, during which leftover colonial tribal animosity drove the majority Hutus to kill nearly one million members of the Tutsi tribe, Rwandan theater director Katese was moved to help begin the country's reconciliation process. She decided to break the rules ("In our history no women were allowed to drum.") by bringing together sixty women, both Hutus and Tutsis, to usher in a new era in their nation-or-the-mend. Some were widows, some were orphans, some had parents who killed. No matter, they formed a co-op and channeled their emotions into the big beat. Ingoma Nshya's raw energy has been a success. They have since toured in Europe and Africa.

Filmmakers Lisa and Rob Fruchtman (she's an Academy Award-winning film editor he's a veteran TV doc producer) keep the story grounded in Rwandan places like the town of Butare where we meet several of the drummers and learn their individual tragedies. The profile turns sinister literally, when Katese makes a grassroots international business deal with the Blue Marble Ice Cream company from Brooklyn, New York, and opens the very first ice cream parlor in Rwanda — where no one had ever tasted ice cream before. The joy that reflects on their faces from the energetic music and the cool, creamy treats is a rare thing. Sweetness triumphs. ●

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MOVIES & THEATERS

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OPENING

Al Berkeley Highly influential documentarian Frederick Wiseman visits the UC campus for one to his rough hit "fly on the wall" docs, and literature a few things. Most of the university officials he interviews on camera, the teachers and researchers generally do nice and thoughtful jobs, as usual, but the boldest and most inspired people on the scene, the Occupy Berkeley protesters, are the boldest and most inspired people on the scene. Will the knowledge to kindness prevents against tuition problems, an issue that bothered him and Rose at pre-doctoral college Wiseman's closely, dystonic thought. And we can and we'll doing to the Rose hours we spend exploring the kaleidoscope of thought that should at a major place of learning. Little story one reminds shown remain near the Rose for us? (244 min). (K.V.)

Bettie Page Reveals All See this week's review (101 min.).

Night Train to Lisbon Reinhold Gregorius, a Swiss professor, advertises his features and bothered. Gets life to bolshevik on an adventure that will take him on a journey to the very heart of morals. (111 min.)

Out of the Furnace Interesting thread but the movie 90 problems, in the heart of decaying, drug-ridden, fallen, adventure land Northeastern, a northern thread about cousins (Christian Bale) and his long long lost brother Eliseo Affleck) have trouble with miserable thug (Woody Harrelson, in full, father) over hard-to-explain, pain fights. But that's nothing compared to their troubles with the scamming. You can even only maybe you turn running to steel thing minutes ahead and the dialogue would from these funny in 1952. Director and co-screenwriter Scott Cooper (Crazy Heart) doesn't know when to end a scene. Either Also in this all-generous cast: Willem Dafoe, Forest Whitaker Zoë Saldana, and Sam Shepard (116 min.). (K.V.)

Rigoletto See this week's review. **Vampires 90 Martinez** The place of Mystery Science Theater 3000 offer under-consciousness as a holiday classic. (126 min.) **Sweet Dreams** See this week's review (84 min.).

ONGOING

12 Years a Slave Never was by shy away from blunt, dirty-type descriptions to the cruel side of racists' operations. English filmmaker Steve McQueen (Hunger, Shame) plunges us into pre-Civil War America, where a cultured black "freedman" from boldest hard from modern Solomon Northup (actor Chiwetel Ejiofor) is kidnapped and sold into bondage in the plantations in Louisiana in 90 something or other. Today, movie on Northup's 1853 memoir? Northup's dignity to 90 like it humiliation in a given much more interesting are the plentiful villains: brilliant Fassbender as maniacal, lustful white-slumping planter Samb Paterson as his jealous wife; Paul Dano as actually with a wife; Paul Giamatti as white villains, slave dealer Benedict Cumberbatch as a "kind" master, et al. But the predicaments in 90 Sweet about see the most heartbreaking: Lupita Nyong'o as champion cotton picker and weight plaything Patsey, and Alfre Woodard as Mrs. Ejiofor scolded by her white master slipping celebratory on her wounds. Sensational in the returns, Northup's 158-year-old indeed single and stunt. But it's part of 90 history. Laura M (133 min.) (K.V.)

Ain't Them Bodies Saints A love movie (psychophrenic Rooney Mara) and a sinking features in the middle of the woods, and what he does to try to survive. We don't like Director David Lowery's gloomy-enjoyed-down high-area adventure "Upstream" enough that to his way it's really an extravagantly emotional Rorschach study, played by features to fill double but silently, with virtually no Amodeo. We don't even learn 90 culprit's name, but we discover what he's made it. A certain kind of numbskull by white-character disorder (Margie Hall), with all the spectacular boy at whom focused on and befuddled

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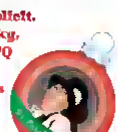
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The Best Man Holiday Nearly 15 years after they were last featured in a group, college friends Lance (Morris Chestnut), Harper (Taye Diggs), Candace (Regina Hall), Quincy (Terrence Howard), Robyn (Sanaa Lathan), Jordan (Nia Long), Mehcad (Harold Perrineau), and Mia (Monica Calhoun) finally team over the Christmas holidays. Though much has changed in their lives, the reunion dinner just like many is a for long-forgiven dalliance and screwplay promises to be explosive. (122 min.)

Black Nativity Langston (Jacob Latimore), a Baltimore teen raised by a single mother (Jennifer Hudson), travels to New York City to spend the Christmas holidays with estranged kinsmen, the Rev. Cornell Shields (Forest Whitaker) and his wife, Aretha (Angela Bassett). However, Langston soon finds that Shields has toxic views, and the youth is unwilling to follow them, neither for her sake or return journey to his mother and finds the value of faith, healing, and family along the way. (95 min.)

Blue is the Warmest Color More than the sum of its parts, director Abdellatif Kechiche's three-hour character study of a French high-school girl's first love...with a slightly older blonde artist...benefits greatly from the explicit power of actresses Adèle Exarchopoulos (as the shy bisexual lover Adèle) and Léa Seydoux...to the more experienced but equally vulnerable Emma. That the two young women engage in bisexual groupsex is probably less important than the way Kechiche and his writing collaborator Ghalia Lacroix (adapting the comic book by Julie Maroh) frame their relationship emotionally, but the sweaty physicality produces its own specs. So the boom Kechiche's love of tight character. We get the same intensity in Adèle's and Emma's feminist lounging and grinding, a blistering hour of encounter for them. And romance instantaneous is lost. It's gone forever. Sarah Miller Larder d'Adèle. (179 min.) (KV)

The Book Thief This bittersweet story of a small-town girl named Liesel (talented actress played by Sweet Canadian actress Sophie Nélisse) and her family from harsh to "existential" realities thanks to the heritage of young Liesel. Nélisse's discovery beauty, the vivid distaste acting of the war at the town (Rudhardt Emily Watson and Geoffrey Rush as her sympathetic foster parents), Bethany production values, and director Brian Percival's fantastic-tale complex environment The Man ... adapted by Markus Zusak from a novel by Markus Zusak. In that Liesel and her friends value books and human affairs that are likened to already go along with the brutal Nazi totem. They're the opposite of rebels. That part of story is made written from Death's point of view (just Persiked (Donovan Abbey), life cold, and crew pull it off with widely-maintain style and Bethany child's-eye point of view (131 min.) (KV)

Dancer: Rise A workman man leaves Bethany the system and maintain year on it, becoming one of the most feared outlaws in Indiana in the process. (136 min.)

Delivery Pidgins A containership and its crew in taken hostage by Somali pirates, who discover millions of ransom from the custom of the ship, mother Philips (Tom Hanks), must use his wits to make sure everyone survives. (133 min.)

Bloody Wilkes Remixes of Bethany 2 discovery that Lockwood (Bill Hader) finally gets to work for the money-key of Bill Wall, Clement's on technologies to help distressed. However that then discovers that his distortionous machine, which turns wants into food, keep creates unwanted and magnetic hybrids. With the help of Bethany's Flint's friends, Ivy and his friends set out to save the world from terrorities, shi-quacksters and other deliciously dangerous monsters. (95 min.)

Dallas Buyers Club Jared Leto and Matthew McConaughey free specialized Achey-hearty characters from his former boss of Texas, but the true-story role of Ron Woodroof – a homophobic rodeo cowboy who runs HIV-outlaw in 1985...changes his mind about the Bethany and more or less invents the AIDS drug formula! – may be his very best. Sure, Bob McConaughey (which may be a literally award-seeking, topical heavyweight – but that doesn't lessen the mind-blowing learning by the leading man, nor that of Jared Leto as his right-hand she-male, a representative taken the dancer named Rayon. More brief notes than you can fathom a visit at, overall with glee by Canadian mave-over Jean-Marc Vallée. Screenplay by Craig Borten and Melisa outlaws Jake with Jennifer Garner (117 min.) (KV)

Delivery Man It really doesn't have Vince Vaughn in charge of Dan Buck (the 2011 French-language Canadian a term on which is in French – which is odd, considering the new film is known and discovery by the same team of Ken Scott and Ramzy Fetni. But Vaughn objections are washed away by the ingratiating performances of Vince Vaughn as David Wozniak, a fecklessdeadbeat but lovable meat-delivery truck driver (who struggles with discovered, he's the biological father of 533 children – now grown – from his former insemination champion sperm bank clients. Vaughn has the knack of only-pushing the boundaries of acceptable life. He's the king of "heartfelt comedy." Also with Chris Pratt, Cobie Smulders, and Andrzej Blumenfeld (103 min.). (KV)

Ender's Game When hostile aliens called the buggits attack Earth, only genius Ranktree (Ben Bethany) can enlist military to prepare for the next attack. Col. Hyrum Graff (Harrison Ford) and his cohorts identify a military program to find the best, whom Hannah Ender Wiggin (Abe Butterfield) and view as another gift for the training, as whom Ranktree himself. Hannah him on a mission to prepare him for the oncoming war (114 min.)

Enough Said Julia (Louis-Dreyfus), nobody's alone as Brian movie maven Marie finds her soon to outlaws jingly inconvenient a lovely Los Angeles massage generates himself But. But Ks-known Gandolfini to

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Now in its fortieth year, the celebrated Kronos Quartet continues its quest for groundbreaking sounds.

By Lou Fancher



Kronos Quartet has been called "the classical music's own Fab Four." Jay Blakesberg

David Harrington lives in an ever-expanding sonic universe. Colleagues, friends, mentors, and even strangers know him as a collector of recordings. As a new music ambassador and founder of the Kronos Quartet, Harrington has embraced an eclectic mix, including Beethoven, Jimi Hendrix, sounds from nature, and the haunting voices of Holocaust survivors. In its forty years of existence, the Kronos Quartet has commissioned more than eight hundred new string quartet arrangements, yet there's one sound Harrington is forever seeking.

"I want Kronos to be an opportunity for each composer's best piece," he said. "I'm always listening. I'm hoping to create bulletproof music that can protect people from harm."

Kronos was born in August 1973, when Harrington returned to his hometown of Seattle after playing violin in an orchestra he'd joined in Canada in order to avoid the draft. That's when he heard George Crumb's "Black Angels." In a world overshadowed by the Vietnam War, Crumb's startling composition allowed Harrington to express quiet-sex and clarity about the kind of music he wanted to play.

"It's why I started this group," Harrington said. "I had to play that music."

Kronos was a hodgepodge of fluctuating members during its infancy until a series of performances and residencies led the quartet to San Francisco and Mills College in 1977. Offered stability by a Chamber Music America residency grant and a compelling collaborator in the form of faculty composer Terry Riley, Harrington, fellow violinist John Sherba, viola player Hank Dutt, and cellist Joan Jeanrenaud played through existing 20th-century string quartet literature, then began commissioning new works and, ultimately, embarking on a different way of playing. Riley "created an amazing musical tapestry" for the quartet, said Harrington. "Terry taught us the lack of vibrato." String players typically use vibrato to elicit expressions from their instruments, so Riley's less-traditional bowing technique was radical. Leaving the vibrato behind, the group's auditory spectrum, resulting in unprecedented precision and a unique quality.

It was Riley who also helped usher the group down unexplored aisles with a fearlessness that soon had it performing works like Morton Feldman's "Second Quartet" — a six-hour work they "nuanced to four, then eventually had to abandon playing after its extended length resulted in injuries — and Steve Reich's evocative "Different Trains." That latter composition employed looped recordings of Jewish travelers' accounts of Holocaust-era train trips and pre-recorded Kronos tracks that required exact synchronization with live performers.

After the two-year jaunt at Mills College, Kronos expanded its repertoire to include string quartets created by Henryk Górecki, Philip Glass, and artists from Africa, Mexico, China, Azerbaijan, Finland, Romania, and more. Its momentum was thrust further forward via collaborations with David Bowie, historian Howard Zinn, pipa player Wu Man, and indie-rock guitarist Bryce Dessner of the band The National. *Rolling Stone* compared the group to The Beatles dubbing the members "classical music's own Fab Four." Today the quartet has released more than fifty albums. Kronos has created a microcosmic world library with a menagerie of artists whom closely cultivated relationships produce uncommon, unpredictable performances.

"A concert is a communal event where people watch music being made," Harrington said. "We have an animal over it: It's totally wild and free."

Manas Tarnopolsky, the executive and artistic director of Cal Performances, which is hosting the quartet's farewell birthday concert, said Kronos makes profound connections between culture and music. "The group of musicians is engaged in the world of ideas, in connections we can all create as musical citizens," he said. "It's thrilled the birthday celebration will be followed by Kronos' artists-in-residence project, which will include master classes, a symposium, community musical events, and the April 6 world premiere of Aleksandra Vrebalov's *Beyond Zero*.

Harrington said today's audiences "entirely challenge" Kronos with their engagement and energy. The group's nonprofit Kronos Performing Arts Association is commissioning original works through a relatively new initiative, the Under 30 Project, which invites young composers to create pieces for the quartet. After forty years, he's inspired to be making discoveries with new and longtime friends he admires.

"Kronos is my instrument. I deal with the violin to be in Kronos," Harrington said. "Hank has been here 36 years; John for 35. And Sunny Yang [who joined in June 2013] has grown up with our music. The dynamic is fabulous."

But there was a dark hour during Harrington's forty-year watch — a time when he considered putting his violin down. "In January of 2003, I became a grandfather for the first time. At the same time Bush, Cheney, and Rumsfeld were organizing the invasion of Iraq. On one side I was ecstatic; on the other, I was fearful of where we were heading. I was questioning the value of being a musician."

Harrington didn't mention his inner turmoil to the quartet; he sought solace from Zinn, whom he knew from the group's previous collaboration. Harrington asked Zinn one question. "What can a normal person do?" Zinn said powerful people were afraid of musicians and those who create experiences outside of reality. The repositioning — seeing himself as someone who could issue a forceful, effective alarm call for peace and non-military solutions — gave him confidence. "He helped me find my way back," Harrington said.

The December 7 performance at Zellerbach will celebrate forty years of Kronos' groundbreaking creations. The first of two Bay Area premieres, Riley's "Another Secret eQuation," will feature special guests Pacific Boychoir Academy and the Young Women's Chorus of San Francisco. The second, Glass "Orion: China," arranged by Michael Riesman and featuring Wu Man, is all about momentum. Harrington said. Guitarist Dessner will join Kronos to perform his 2009 commission, "Aheym," the title piece of an album recently released by ANTI- Records that's garnering rave reviews. The quartet will also perform Crumb's "Black Angels."

Show Details
The Kronos Quartet will perform at Zellerbach Hall on Saturday Dec. 7 @ 8 p.m. $30 and up. CalPerls.Berkeley.edu

Kronos' four decades have brought acclaim, awards, and audiences to the string quartet's late-20th- and early-21st century repertoire. Tragically the years have not yet brought the bulletproof music Harrington has been seeking. Wars and strife still prevail. But until such a treasure is unearthed, Kronos will nurture joyfully its pursuit. Said Harrington, "The best music has not yet been written, the best note has not yet been played." ●

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THE DOUBLE LIFE OF DENNY ZEITLIN

The renowned jazz pianist has balanced music and medicine for decades.

By Mark Keresman

Many musicians have their hands more than full balancing a career with what's known as a life, but jazz pianist Denny Zeitlin has had two careers to go along with being happily married for 44 years. He has a psychiatry practice in San Francisco and Kentfield and is a clinical professor of psychiatry at UCSF. And as a pianist and composer Zeitlin has made more than 35 albums, played with such heavyweights as Herbie Hancock, Pat Metheny and David Grisman, contributed music to Sesame Street and scored the 1978 remake of the iconic science-fiction film *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Yet after fifty years of recording and touring the world, at a point where many musicians would be content to remain comfortably in their niche, Zeitlin is still exploring new areas of expression.

As it is with most jazz musicians — and with most great musicians, in general — Zeitlin was a product of his times. "[He] assimilated the breakthroughs of the previous decade, from the impressionism of Bill Evans to the free-fall explorations of Ornette Coleman, and blended them into a personal style that anticipated the next fifteen years of keyboard advances," wrote jazz historian Ted Gioia in a review on Jazz.com. In some ways Zeitlin presaged the protean style of Keith Jarrett, waxing rhapsodic and engagingly melodious while embracing elasticity and a powerful impetus. Unlike Jarrett he enthusiastically embraced electronics along with acoustic music-making. Along with Sun Ra and Burton Greene, Zeitlin was one of the first jazz players to explore synthesizers. Further, in the Sixties, while many jazz musicians regarded rock music as inferior or The Enemy, Zeitlin saw it as inspiration. For more than a decade he's maintained a steady hard-swinging (acoustic) trio with bassist Buster Williams and drummer Matt Wilson. After a lengthy hiatus, this year Zeitlin released an album, *Both/And*, which combined both electronic and acoustic sounds.

It turns out Zeitlin comes by the balance of music and medicine naturally — his mother was a classical pianist and his father was a radiologist who played the 'cello by ear. While the music bug bit Zeitlin as a child — first classical, then jazz by junior high — the lad also became interested in psychiatry because his uncle was a psychiatrist. "I did some 'practicing' on the playground. I always liked to hear people's stories," said Zeitlin. "Fortunately, no malpractice suits came out of that." By his teens he was a participant in jam sessions around his native Chicago, and played with guitarist Wes Montgomery and horn-wizards Johnny Griffin and Ira Sullivan before they became legends.

The vocations of healer and swinging improviser held equal appeal for Zeitlin and, fortunately, his parents were decidedly receptive to this mindset. "They were very supportive," he said. "They never pressured me to choose one over the other." While a medical student at Johns Hopkins University, he was awarded a fellowship in New York City — there, saxophonist Paul Winter introduced him to Columbia producer and talent scout John Hammond, who nurtured the careers of Billie Holiday, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen, among others. Between 1963 and 67, Zeitlin released four studio albums and one live set for Columbia Records. Thanks to Hammond, Zeitlin — accompanied by ones Jerry Granelli and Charlie Haden, among others — had complete artistic control. "He gave me carte blanche," Zeitlin said.

In 1967 Zeitlin became fascinated by the opportunities offered by electronic music, developing a keyboard setup resembling "the cockpit of a 747." What sparked this? "I became impatient with the limitations of the piano. I wanted to stretch and bend notes, in the manner of a rock guitarist." In the Seventies he recorded three well-received albums for Bay Area indie label 1750 Arch wherein he more fully embraced electronics with local axes Mel Graves, Ratso B. Harris, and George Marsh. Perhaps the piece de resistance of Zeitlin's electric oeuvre is his soundtrack to the remake of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* one of the greatest examples of paranoia-as-horror stories in American film. "I stumbled into that," Zeitlin recalled. Director Philip Kaufman saw me perform at jam sessions [in Chicago] .. He called me out of the blue in 1977! "The iconic (and notoriously cranky) film critic Pauline Kael called his score "generally dazzling" — and it was.

When asked about "balancing" two seemingly disparate careers, Zeitlin is frank: "In each setting, communication is utterly paramount. There has to be a depth of empathy that allows you to really inhabit the other person's world." He realized early on that he'd have to forge certain aspects of each avocation to make it work for him. "In psychiatry, it meant [about the time] academic papers and research, jazz, touring. Many musicians live out of suitcases, while I [perform on] weekends and short tours."

To commemorate his fiftieth year in music, Zeitlin will perform solo on Friday, December 6 at the Piedmont Piano Company. Tickets are available at the door, but reservations are highly recommended. ●

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Denny Zeitlin performs at the Piedmont Piano Company (1728 San Pablo Ave., Oakland) on Friday Dec. 6, 8 p.m., $20. 510-547-8568 or PiedmontPiano.com


Josephine Zeitlin

Denny Zeitlin has viewed rock music as inspiration.

SIZZLE AND PISS

Trailer-park punk tribute travesty, and beautiful sadness.

The Bottle Rockets

Bottle Rockets/The Brooklyn Side Deluxe Edition

Festus Missouri's Bottle Rockets are a quartet that an young 'uns found themselves equally inspired by their fathers' Merle Haggard platters, their older brothers' Mountain and Bad Company records and the Clash #58 of the orange new gal in town (the one with the purple hair) The Bottle Rockets still rock along, but this package consists of their first two discs, originally released in 1993 and 94, both long out of print.

Bottle Rockets, originally released on ESD features punk imperfinance mixed with trailer-park desperation "Maohattan Countryside" chugs along like a Johnny Cash travelogue but the near-fractured guitars cut like metallic shards, evoking the early- to mid-Eighties glories of The Fall. "Rural Route" has the accelerated, thrash-y fury of early Black Flag with a strong dose of Southern boogie, the guitar circling like ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons on a triple espresso. "Hey Moon" finds the Rockets fully embracing their country roots. With its swanging cadence keening steel guitar, and the roguishly romantic lilt in the singing it could be a Haggard or Bob Wills rarity *The Brooklyn Side* finds the Bottle Rockets integrating their influences more fully and their rowdiness leavened by poignancy The acoustic guitar-and-violin-driven near-waltz "Welfare Music" is a slightly harrowing look at the life of a single mom. Loping along with smoldering, slightly Neil Young-like guitar and world-weary vocals, "\$1.00 Car" recounts the deterioration of a fellow's relationship with his vehicle

Replete with bonus outtakes and demos, this two-CD, 46-track (!) set is a cornucopia of thoughtful redneck rock, snarling, lean, and genially mean. (Bloodshot)

— Mark Kemelman

Xiu Xiu

NINA

Nina Simone was an outspoken woman who got pissed off easily Take, for instance, the San Rafael concert in the early Seventies at which she denounced a *San Francisco Chronicle* critic for a negative review he'd written of a previous Bay Area performance and berated members of the audience who wouldn't stand to you her in singing "Left Every Voice and Sing" the unofficial black national anthem.

If the singer, who died in 2003 at age seventy, could hear Xiu Xiu's treatments of eleven tunes associated with her, including her own compositions "Four Women" and "Flo Me La," she'd surely be so pissed she'd writhe in her grave Although allegedly intended as a tribute, *NINA* is a travesty of often discordant tones by guest avant-jazzers Tim Berne and Tony Malaby on saxophones,



Mary Halvorson on guitar and Andrea Parkins on accordion and other keyboard instruments, the Sunny Murray-inspired free-form drumming of Xiu Xiu's Chas Smith, and the tuneless and downright ugly sounds group founder Jamie Stewart attempts to pass off as singing.

Stewart a onetime Palo Alto resident now based in Southern California, renders such tunes as Billie Holiday's "Don't Explain," Cole Porter's "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To" and the African American folksong "See Line Woman" in a quavering voice that talks more that sings, moving from whispers to agonized screams, inhaling and exhaling as the words spill from his seemingly sore throat. He sounds like a man about to croak any minute. (Grapevine)

— Lee Hildebrand

Emily Jane White

Blood/Lines

Emily Jane White grew up in Fort Bragg, a small city located on the starkly beautiful Mendocino coastline In an email, she wrote that while she was "extremely lonely at times," she's grateful for the immense solitude and quiet the landscape provided, because it was "perfectly carved out for contemplation, introspection, and introversion." Indeed, her dark folk music is infected with a deep sense of melancholy But *Blood/Lines*, her fourth album is neither bleak nor loveless The Oakland resident finds beauty comfort, and solace in the expression of sadness

Blood/Lines is driven rhythmically by electric guitar and rippling piano. Coupled with heavy drums, the result is a great sense of urgency and drama. Each song sounds as though it's rising toward something important and meaningful. Her husky powerful (while it is



similar to Natasha Khan's of Bat for Lashes) holds up against grandiose, sweeping melodies and the orchestral quality of her songs *Blood/Lines* is darker heavier, and more rock-forward than her previous three albums (mostly because it has less acoustic instrumentation and more reverb) but it's somehow never ugly White is an emotive, sincere songwriter

The best part of *Blood/Lines* may be White's keen sense of vocal layering. On wintry "Wake," the *oohs* and *aahs* are eerie and affecting Shivers still run up and down my spine after listening to it countless times. It lends her music an even greater ghostly gravitas than it already had. (Important Records)

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Belle Anglaise Rose Kingham's Belly Lounge 8 p.m. free

Classical & Opera

Berkeley Symphony Concert II performing Bert Bacon's Bruno Haydn's Cello Concerto No 1, and Rimsky-Korsakov Symphony w/ Bruno Canzoneri conducting, Zellerbach Hall 8 p.m. $18-$76

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Mew/ Thunder Thighs and Thimble of Light, The Legionnaire Monroe 8 p.m., $5 $3 w/ Wrenns good

Gospel & Vocal

Saint Mary's College Presents: Classics in Review guitar students perform opera arias, classical art songs, and musical theatre repertoire, in the Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College, 7:30 p.m. free

Holiday Music

Ella Williamson Freight & Salvage Coffee-Houses 8 p.m., $15-$16, $20-$50

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Theatre Works Company presents: Holiday Jazz & Beyond series's A Sound Night for Sleeping Easier Zellerbach Theatre for the Arts, 7:30 p.m. $40-$49

Echo and Tyrone Mardi Piedmont Piano Company 9 & 10 p.m. $40 $25

Happy Hour Feat. a Theatre lineup of artists, The Marsh Arts Center 7 p.m. free

Jim Rudolfsen Jazz Quartet Mooney Faust Room 7:30 p.m. free

The Results Night, The Uptown, 10 p.m. free

Jazz Ukiah's dinner jazz and guest Sinatra singers, The Alex, 6 p.m. free

Rock & Pop

The Lost Hippies Starry Plough, 9 p.m., free

Students in Bondage, Eagle and the Hawk Hotel Devils The Go-Getters and Sweet Boys, Uncle Club 9 p.m. $5

Sweet Tea Ray w/ Worth Saving and Pretzel Loft The Alley Light, 9 p.m. $5

Soul, Soul, R&B, & Hip-Hop

Soup Comedy Funk Starry Plough, 9 p.m. free

Monster Mondays w/ Nicky Grigsby The Theatre Troupe, and DJ Poison, The New Parish, 8 p.m. $12 $15

Rose & Thorn Soul, Groovy Nymbs w/ Gabriel Angeles, Yoshi's doesn't 8 p.m., $20

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Last Monday and the Lion Ashkenazi, 8 p.m. $10 $15

Los Tigritos and the Power Soaps Project La Pena Cultural Center 8 p.m. $20, $24

SAN FRANCISCO

Blues, Folk, & Country

Christmas w/ Young Sweet The Theatre, 8 p.m. $12 $15

Doug Nagy Rooster & Blues, 6 & 8:30 p.m. $15, $20

Michael Miller and the Midnight Gamblers w/ Jeff Oster and Mandolin Orange Amnesia 8 p.m. $7

Will Ray Taylor w/ Dawn Sedgwick and Highway Hymns, Rock Bob, 8 p.m., $10

Classical & Opera

Herbie Gotta Concert Symphony Hall 7:30 p.m. $15-$100

Gospel & Vocal

Aga Zaryan Yoshi's San Rodriguez, 8 p.m., $19 $25

The Nightingale Tim Hall Poppy Art House, 7:30 p.m. $10-$15

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Betty Buckley Hotel Nikko, 8 p.m., $90

Kaki King w/ Ehren Hellberg, Herbst Theatre Hall, 8 p.m., $15, $17

Rock & Pop

The Beatles w/ The Beers/Fillmore, The Brown Symphonic, and Rain Parade, The Fillmore, 8 p.m. $34-$58

Super Furry w/ Surplus, 1500 and Seaplants The Knockout, 10 p.m. $6

Colby O'Donis w/ La VIBE and Ritha, Bottom of the Hill, 8:30 p.m. $12 $15

Gay Fan w/ Sweet and the Bang Bang and Sharpies Brick & Mortar Music Hall, 9 p.m., $7 $10

10 Years w/ Of Eight Light Bright Light, Golden Gate Hall 8 p.m. $17 $12.50

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The Long Winters w/ Sean Nelson, The Independent, 8 p.m. $15

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FRIDAY 6

EAST BAY

Blues, Folk, & Country

Madeline Temples La Peña Monroe Street 8 p.m. $15-$20

Monk 38 Mary and His Zydeco Boys Eagles Hall, 9 p.m. $15

Bonanza Taxi and 77 Hammer/ Nate Bennet and Deborah Conlan Starry Plough, 9 p.m. $5 $7-$12

Joe Wells' Jersey Freight & Salvage Coffee-house, 8 p.m. sold out

Classical & Opera

Symphony Theatre Holiday Concert St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 8 p.m., $15-$20

Ensemble Modernist St. Mark's Episcopal Church 8 p.m., $15, $13 Lender and students

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Ella Rose w/ Sweet Lime and Mommy Hundred, The Night Light, 8 p.m. $10

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DJ Keep and G-Man The Lafayette Monroe 8:30 p.m. free

SAN FRANCISCO

Blues, Folk, & Country

Al Monroe Yoshi's San Rodriguez, 8 p.m., $24 $28

Giovanni Fazzari and Natalie Haas St. Cyprian's Church 8 p.m. $18 $20

Eddie Spaghetti w/ The Sweet Symposium and Rose Hill Drive, Thee Parkside, 8 p.m., $10

Big Eagle Monroe & Blues, 8 & 10 p.m. $18, $20

Japan Sweet Bengal Restaurant, 8 p.m.-midnight, free

Papa Bluse and the Easy Last w/ Easy Little Fellows Sweet Sweet & Monroe/ the HIP 9:30 p.m., $17 $12

Fisherman Blue the Chapel 8 p.m., $20, $30

Classical & Opera

Holiday Sweet Concert w/ Lawrence Ferrara, Old Fool Presbyterian Theatre 8 p.m. $6-$17

San Francisco Symphony Presents: Gospel in the Hall w/ Sarah Hicks conducting, Sweet Symphony Hall 7:30 p.m. $23.50-$80

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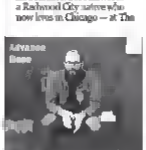
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PICKS

Advance Base

Owen Ashworth has been making catchy lo-fi pop about nostalgia and depression since the late Nineties, most notably in his solo project Casiotone for the Painfully Alone, which he disbanded in 2010. His deep voice is reminiscent of that of The Magnetic Fields' Stephin Merritt. He sounds unbothered even as he's singing about lost love and his many troubles. As a result, there's a whiff of irony that keeps *A Shut-In's Prayer*, his first debut under the moniker Advance Base, which was released in 2012, from feeling too dark. As a singer-songwriter, Ashworth refreshingly avoids sounding folksy or bluesy. He mostly sings over simple drum machine beats and spare percussion, occasionally accompanied by electric piano. Yet he's got such a strong sense of melody and songwriting that he doesn't need anything else to captivate an audience. See Ashworth — a Redwood City native who now lives in Chicago — at The Night Light (311 Broadway, Oakland) this week, with singer-songwriters Young Moon and Ilsa Stephen. — *Madeleine Kay*

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9 p.m., $10. TheNightLightOakland.com



Queens of the Stone Age

Josh Homme may have started off his career as an excavator of desert rock riffs, but he soon made it clear that he'd far more versatile and appealing songwriter, not to mention a controlled-yet-slightly-unhinged performer (Homme saw him encourage a member of the audience — who he claimed was his brother — to grab his crotch.) Queens of the Stone Age, his primary vehicle of the past seven-ish years, has included a rotating cast of players and guest performers, and has fearlessly taken his distinct brand of riff rock into conceptual, experimental, and emotive places. — *Zoe Clockwork*, the band's latest (and its first release since 2007's *Era Vulgaris*), shows Homme continuing to stray from the robust vibe on which he built his early career. Still, there's a bombastic art-rock scale to songs like "If I Had a Tail" and "Kalopsia," the latter of which is balanced with doo-wop drumming. The dirty bluesy riff of "Smooth Sailing," meanwhile, sounds like an outtake from Sisters of Death Metal (Homme's other outfit). Throughout, Homme is helped along with an even bigger roster of guests, including former collaborators Mark Lanegan, Nick Oliveri, and Dave Grohl, as well as Elton John, Sesame Sisters' Jake Shears, Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor, and others. Sadly, those guests won't perform with the band when it stops by the Oracle Arena (Oracle Coliseum Way, Oakland) on Friday as part of LIVEstrong's Not So Silent Night, but Homme on Homme to be plenty engaging — even from the nosebleed *section. — Kathleen Richards*

Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., $37.50-$150. Ticketmaster.com



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Drum Roll 9/SAZZ Room, 7 & 8:30 p.m., $30
Trapeze Ruthie Foster, 8 p.m., $30-$45

Rock & Pop

The Agrobatics w/ Kaji Glauber and Mike Park, Sista, 9 p.m., $20, $30
Dandelle Famous w/ Rockies, Vyperie Holmes, and Johnny Rocket, Hotel Utah, 9 p.m. $6, $12
Everything Goes Cold w/ Sorrow Church, Roadside Memorial, The Omega and 32 Grasshopper, DNA Lounge, 8 p.m. $8, $13
High Cliffs w/ The Wave Communion and Little Smoke, Ashkenaz, 9 p.m., $11
Shad Cousins w/ Gramography, Rishi Dhir, Hemlock Tavern, 8:30 p.m. $6
Toad the Wet Sprocket Concert Music, 9 p.m. free
The Bones, feat. Fox Mayhill Yoshi's San Francisco, 10:30 p.m. $20, $25
Tom Rio Cal Band w/ Whiting Street Ultra Violent Rose Mary Jones, Lights, and Strangerfaces, 60 Minute Social Rooms, 8 p.m. free

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

Center for Hip w/ Ola Lady Fight Teeth, Jeni Stafford, Nite Rocks, 10 p.m. $10, $15
Dre Hike w/ 2 Mondo and Mike Dillon Band, Rock Space Center 8 p.m., free Center 9pm $15 after
Dregue Sunday w/ Mike Vilis and DJ Mel Nova, The Independent, 8 p.m. $35
Rate the Century: Da Rel Kutez II and Supreme Kitch & Mortar Music Hall, 9 p.m., $10

Classical & Opera

Berkeley Office Holiday Concert First Presbyterian Church of Alameda, 8 p.m., $15-$20
Kronos Quartet 40th Gala day Concert Zellerbach Hall, 8 p.m. Center start at $80

Experimental & Avant Garde

Century Mid-Winter Orchestra a night of mixed media performances, Berkeley Arts Festival 7 p.m., 30-$35

SATURDAY 7

EAST BAY

All Ages

Adam Lee Reeser and Eric Hael singing Center Kids' songs, Swords, originals, sing-a-longs, finger-plays, stunts and rock 'n roll, La Peña Cultural Center 10:30 a.m., $6 adults, $5 children

Blues, Folk, & Country

The Ali Brown Shad Shad Monophone on the Hill 7 p.m. free
Bonepebbles w/ Shawn Shipyard, High Street Station, 7 p.m., $5-$15
Billie Burns w/ The Great American Fishbar Band, Art Brown Gallery & Cultural Center, 8 p.m., $10 before 8:30pm, $15 after
The Dusty Rhino Express Jupiter 8 p.m., free
Dre Hollie Jumper Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse 8 p.m. sold out

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Gospel & Vocal

Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir's Holiday Anniversary Holiday Concert Paramount Theatre, 7:30 p.m., $12-$40

Holiday Music

7th Annual Yule at the Oakland Zoo Enjoy holiday song and dance presented by the California Scenes. Oakland Zoo 7 p.m. free

Jazz, Lounge & Cabaret

Charged Particles Albatross Pub, 9:30 p.m., $5
Chuck Owens Symphony presents: Bridges & Masquerades & Guitar Night For Singing Lesher Center for the Arts, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. $40-$48
Lorin Tompkins Trio Ovenda, 9:30 p.m., $10
Nelson & Larry with Tribute, 7:30 p.m., $TBA
Joey D and the Vibe Kevin's Ovenda, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. $10, $12
Lloyd Grotzinger 70th Birthday Concert Piedmont Piano Company 9 p.m. $10
Lloyd Gregory and Friends 57th Center Gallery, 8:30 p.m., $15
Soul Theatre dinner jazz with guest cabaret singers, The Alley 8 p.m., free

Rock & Pop

Bonnie Fels w/ cabaret, Indian Dance, Bhangra and Bollywood, The Night Light, 8 p.m., $7
Bobbleshead w/ Hotbot, The Uptown, 8 p.m., $10
cabaret w/ Bhalakshi, Perversion, cabaret on, and Tyrants, Bill's Billy High Club, 9 p.m., $TBA
Rate the Blood Night w/ Bonnet, Fire, Phoenix, And Locks, the Neighbourhood
Rate the Century: Da Rel Kutez II and Supreme Kitch & Mortar Music Hall, 9 p.m., $10

food, and Bastille Parish Arena, 1 p.m., $37.50-$66.25.
The Ogrens / The Kuers, The Lagniappe Salem 8 p.m. $0
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Mandolin w/ Sunny Sixty Donte Rossi, Go Like Mac, and G.B. 924 Gilman, 8 p.m. TBD

Soul, Funk, R&B & Hip-Hop

The Ike and Mighty w/ The Bugs, Roy G. Biv, and Pat Hull, Starry Plough, 9 p.m., 17 $12

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Accordion Babes Rhythmic Cultural Works, 8 p.m., $25, $20
13th Annual Jewish Night in Africa w/ Gold Nan 'I Kwaye and DJ Koko Labo, Soundbox, 10 p.m., $12 $15

SAN FRANCISCO

All Ages

San Francisco Symphony performs Revue for Families Louise Symphony Hall, 2 p.m. $15-$60

Blues, Folk, & Country

Americana Jubilee Feat. Ida Amato, Hough and Blues 9:30 p.m. $5-$10
Craig Woolhouse and Meredith Axelrod Band Cafe, 8 p.m. free
Darren Dunstan's Dance Workshop And Gazebo Armonia, 8 p.m., $15A
Dwight Hennessy w/ The Wild Ruberd, The Parkside 7:30 p.m. $10/30-$20/30
Kevin Lovelly Shovell & Blues, 7:30 & 10 p.m. $12
Mendocino at Gazebo Kevin folk music with Noah Mignone, Coffe Mazie, 10:30 a.m.-12:11 p.m. Bad
The Mowgli's w/ Elevation and Parish Herbal, 10am 8 p.m., $10

Classical & Opera

In G at Jubilo @ Candlelight
Little Italy Holyhood world at Blood Palaces, Hoodoo Ba- wheel, and Many Years across the agar Calvary Presbyterian Sunday 8 p.m., $24-$35
San Francisco Symphony presents: Gimme All the Rules w/ Denis Bend conductor, Bay Louise Symphony Hall, 7:30 p.m., $12-$5-$80

Gospel & Vocal

A Not-So-Silent Night San Francisco Boys Gazebo Master Jasmine Shovell 'Jolene Jubilee, 1:30 p.m. $10-$40

Holiday Music

Choirs and Whatnot Choir Everyman Jasmine The Founders Oakland, Very ok Music 8 p.m. free

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Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Betty Buckley Solo Show, 1 p.m., $60
Giulia Valle SFJAZZ Center, 7 & 9:30 p.m. $60
Pearl Savoy Solo Set, Randy Gazebo Avenue Jasmine and Keith Oakland, Vedd's San Francisco, 8 & 10 p.m. $10-$20

Rock & Pop

Bar Bad Revenge / Super Achievers Main and The Gorgon DJ Night Attic Bar, 1 p.m. $10
The Bay Shovell w/ Mind Parish Jasmine like the Queen Kelley Night Gazebo Field, Parish Gazebo, and Magic Right, Public Works, 12:30 p.m. $30, $100
Chrome Tuna 60 Mission Santa Room, 10 p.m. Tba
The Fluttermen w/ Living With Lions and Gallant Rhode, Mission at the Rill 9:30 p.m., $12, $10
The Hundred Years w/ Sunglassman, Hang Hang, the Aaron Caudle, Ride no Mind, 9 p.m. $8 | $10
Kelley Williams performing Theater Read Music for a Gazebo for the Are Foundation, w/ Ryan Gazebo, Kelley Williams, Sam Mosley, Michael Kang, the Jeff Austin, The Shovell, 1 p.m., $75
KeepAustinMusic Vol. 3 Jasmine Bonnie / Kopecky Family Band The Independent, 8 p.m. $18 $20
Peoplesmusic w/ Steve Poltz and Griffin House Swedish Oakland, Hall & p.m., $20 $25
Rosalita Gazebo w/ Big Fix, Aram Wilcoxen, and the Shanghais, Jasmine Parish 1 p.m., $8
Sarah Gazebo and the Shovell w/ Kingsborough the Gazebo Irish Band, Gazebo Room Room, 9:30 p.m. $30
Sublime w/ Violent Change and Tiny Gazebo Theater Gar

It Chill 9 p.m. $5
That Gazebo w/ Golden Drugs, Gazebo Elephants the Gazebo Gazebo Hotel Club, 9 p.m. $8
"Tom Shovell's Birthday Party Show" w/ The Lee Aiders, The Riddle, 8 p.m. free
Uke Feel Bay 1 w/ Jupiter Sound Club Jamie, Cold Brianna Jo, and The Rise Sonic Energy Van The Oakland, 3 p.m. free
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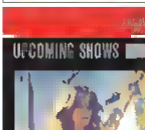
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Blues, Folk, & Country

Shady Blue Rhythm Club 1 p.m. $10A
Sunday Morning Blues with the Delta Cello Mediterranean 10 a.m., free

Classical & Opera

Las Vegas Ensemble High Street Station Cafe 3 p.m. free

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Wadsworth & Brandstetter w/ Cowley and Rude, Berkeley Arts Rebarts 8 p.m., $0-$10

Holiday Music

Contrabass Ensemble Bonnie Bowne sings a variety of Christmas Bonbons, including Vivaldi's "A Christmas to Remember" with harp accompaniment, and other holiday classics by Ives, Bach, Kurt, and Brahms. St. Stephen Catholic Church 3 p.m. $5-$20

Blood, Sweat & Tears Big Band w/ Bonnie Pointer Yoshi's Oakland 7 p.m., $22

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Albany Jazz Big Band Ensemble's holiday dance concert, Albany Community Center 7:30 p.m., free

Emilio Adriano Holland Quartet Sparkshouse, 7 p.m. $17

Jazz and R&B Night Barney's Lantern, 6-10 p.m., free

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MONDAY 9

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Blues, Folk, & Country

Pedro Tango Argentine tango. Cafe Venue, 7 p.m., free

Classical & Opera

The Quest Piano Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse 8 p.m. $8.50, $10.50

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Kurt w/ Jack O' the Clock, Dead Western, and Religious Pluses, The Night Light, 8 p.m. $7

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Cindy Browning and Friends The newest Lounge, 8 p.m., and

Larry Vanderhoef's Vince Guaraldi Boston Trio's Thelonious 8 p.m. $18

Chabad Ahavath Israel Tuesday presents Hargrove and Friends Johnston Trio, Dominic, 9 p.m. $50

SAN FRANCISCO

Blues, Folk & Country

Hoodoo w/ Sinister Cafe de Mood, 8 p.m. $10

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

ADFS Encore Holiday Encore and Gala w/ performances by Dead Wizards, The Montecristo Jason Brook, Jai Rodriguez, Sharon Wright, Tony Award Joseph Byrne, Kim Nalley, and Chanel Gabriel, Madrone Penthouse Club at Hotel, 7:30 p.m. $60-$1,000

La Jazz Real La Colonial, 7 p.m., free

Mike Shank The Session concert 8 Mina, 7:30 p.m. $12

Rock & Pop

American Buffalo w/ The Royal Concords and Moonshiners, The Independent, 8 p.m. $15, $15

Hard Head w/ Haunted Summer, The Chapel, 8 p.m. $13 $15

Chronic w/ City of Women, Uke Mama 8 p.m. $8

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TUESDAY 11

EAST BAY

Blues, Folk, & Country

Blackfire Mama Hard Rockfest, 8:30 p.m. $10

Holiday Music

Gaslare and Vice presents: Home for the Holidays annual holiday concert feat. more than 170 singers and a full orchestra to Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m., $30

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Red Nichols dinner jam with guest concert singers, The Alley 6 p.m., free

Rock & Pop

We Will Go Down w/ Sea Knights and Hello, The Night Light, 8 p.m. $TBA

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Layla free The Layover 10 p.m. $TBA

SAN FRANCISCO

Blues, Folk & Country

Boot O' Hand Jazz w/ free Lotta, The Chapel, 8 p.m. $12 $18

Kat McKeown and The Anti-Holiday Spectacular! Cafe Mud, 8 p.m. $18, $20

John Brooks Band Variable 8 Blues, 7:30 & 10 p.m. $15

The Love Bullies w/ Ana & Apostle, The Independent, 8 p.m. $TBA

Royal Jelly w/ Ratha Hardhead, 9:15 p.m.



High on Fire plays The Regency Ballroom on 12/11 Tom Murray

BTMA
Ya Ya Blues w/ Watch the Storm and Worth, Hotel Utah, 8 p.m. $5

Experimental & Avant-Garde

80 Wallace Revolution Cafe, 8:30 p.m., free

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

The Tenney Jane Big Band Yoshi's San Francisco, 8 p.m., $22

Rock & Pop

6 Lions w/ American Center (Minneapolis) Hemlock Tavern 8:30 p.m. $6

Hot Head Summer w/ Bigger than Ammonia, 8:30 p.m. and

The Deadbeat-mond Man w/ Tom Whalen, The Fillmore, 8 p.m., $28

Trader Buffalo w/ Sinner Silver Needles, and 13 Candy Cody The Knockout, 9:30 p.m., $7

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

Groovin' Baby w/ Good Songs, Tiny Syrup Dakota, Lyrical Tone and Tonka Bay Bra, Brick & Booker Music Hall, 9 p.m. $10, $15

Soul Revivals Hard Knock Hard 9:30 p.m. and

WEDNESDAY 12

EAST BAY

Blues, Folk, & Country

John Schott w/ The Pantry Scarletrooters, Berkeley Arts Festival, 8 p.m. $10-$20

The Wood Nymphs Oakland, 8 p.m., $20, $25

Holiday Music

Modern Temple w/ Eastern Coloreds, Ansible Cafe, 7 p.m., free

Eastern Lowdown w/ Weapons, U Smooth, Sound Kowalski, Bill Griffin, and Mahalia Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse, 9 p.m. $14.50, $16.50

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Bob Sano & The Sweet Band Rossini's Restaurant 6:30 p.m., and

Live Jazz Townhouse Bar & Grill, 7:30 p.m. and

Randy Craig and Friends The Quest and Dorsa 7 p.m. and

Red Nichols Band jam with guest concert singers The Alley 8 p.m., free

Rock & Pop

Advance Hunt w/ Young Mama and the Summer, The Night Light, 8 p.m. $10

Edenrod w/ live Reagan Report, and Yoshi's Subterranean Indian Neon Speakeasy, 8 p.m. $12

Ole Bold and Bars Band Ashbourne, 8 p.m. $12

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

One Release Night with Reggae Rush and DJ Menelik Jimmy's Lounge, 7 p.m. free

Reggae vs. Lovers w/ DJ Kool Kyle, Sherman Exeter T and guests, The Lafayette Saloon, 8 p.m. free

Beat African Republic Oakland City Center 12-1 p.m. free

SAN FRANCISCO

Blues, Folk & Country

Jeff Pacely The Fillmore, 8 p.m., $48

Matthew & All Hand concert 8 Mina, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. $20

Ryan Montbleau w/ Ruha Hotel Utah, 8 p.m., $12, $15

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Hard Asbestos and the Night Snipers w/ DJ Zero Exchange Thru, 8 p.m. $5

Lee Ranaldo and the Kind w/ Bill Horna and Jacob Felix Heule, The Chapel, 8 p.m., $15, $17

Holiday Music

Mommy Secret with The San Francisco Symphony performing Christmas favorites, Davies Symphony Hall 7:30 p.m. $15-$100

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Gazebo Rossini's, 8 p.m., free

Eric Gadzooks Jazz Session Ensemble 10 p.m. free

Ragtime Swing playing concert jazz piano, Top of the Mark, 8:30-11:30 p.m., $5

Tania and Fred Vann's Jazz Salvation 8 p.m. $22-$80

The Ammo-Men's Armonia, 6 p.m., and

Rock & Pop

Peter Murphy w/ Antony Hegarty, and cast of Storm, VMA Lounge 7:30 p.m., $100, $25

High on Fire w/ Kowloon and Witchhand, The Regency Ballroom, 7:30 p.m., $20, $22

Jagwar Ma w/ Feminine, The Independent, 8 p.m. $15

The Kontos w/ Lovers and Upstairs Downstairs Science of the Hill 8 p.m. $10

Tommy and the High Flyers w/ The Lions 49 and Wild Animals Cafe du Nord, 8:30 p.m. $8

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

Dr. Mojo Mama Soul Soul, 8:30 p.m. free **The Slippery Slope Space** 8 p.m., free

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Tinsley Ellis Band Night w/ El Tesky Jaggz & special guests Mama Rootbeer 10 p.m. $5

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Thursday 5

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Backspin Thursday Drum! Nights w/ DJ Miles Green and Tarish Kaplowitz, catching local indie funk, hip-hop and drum&bass! Lake's Taproom & Lounge, 10 p.m. free

Blue Jr. drum-n-bass happy hour. The Legionnaires Saloon 5:30 p.m., free

Deep Cool Lounge 9 p.m. free

DJ Jb Dancing Coppers Sports Bar & Grill, 10 p.m. free

DJ Night Dig spinning Fantastastic pop rock/dancing rock, and before hip-hop, Rip's Recreation! 9:30 p.m. free

DJ Tash San spinning hip-hop, house, jazz, surf rock rock Jupiter. 9 p.m., free

before Hank's w/ Bang Bang Lounge! Laglet and Sara Trouble lounging hip-hop, pop, and disco. The Legionnaires Saloon 10 p.m., free

classic Electronic Night w/ Hatfield Analog Underground and guest Dik Vinyl at Venue Oakland, 10 p.m. free before 10pm, $5 after

The Loop 09: Hip-Hop w/ Dig Be spinning hip-hop, Club 21 8 p.m. $10-$15

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Mindwonder w/ DJ Juan Blow spinning Latin vinyl, including tropical Afro-Latin soul and cumbia, The Rock Steady 10 p.m. free

Punk N w/ Star Black, Rare-G, and Shotte spinning house, dancehall, soca, and hip hop. Lake's Taproom & Lounge, 10 p.m., free

Rock N Revolve classic rock, indie rooted, and throwback rock. Jovert, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. free

The Show w/ DJ Ambush spinning hip hop R&B house, and Afrobeat, Fox Art Bar and Lounge, 8 p.m. free

Strictly Dance White House Inc, 10 p.m. midnight, and

Ultra Violet w/ Jus Fum, Sabo One, and Blake Most, Sonar Bar & Lounge, $250 p.m., $10&A

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12th Floor's / SPL, Tori Fetch, and DJ Glath The Regency Ballroom, 8 p.m. $15-$20

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95 LGBT before celebration party The Cellar 10 p.m. free

DJ Bandcount and Blonde Bomb-Shell Shade 9 p.m. free

DJ set by Nathan Blue of Conquistador w/ Shy Ultra, California Academy of Sciences, 6 p.m. $12

A Night At the Attic w/ Kamikaze, Kaiya Santella, Hide N Paradise, Bla_Kitty, Dj_Ant, more 1015 Folsom Nightclub, 10 p.m., $10

Miguel Island z / Victor Vega, Joey Alexis, and DJ Latoya Monarch 9 p.m. free before 11pm, $5 after

Pangaea Fridays w/ Natalie Rudnick, The Trill and DJ Phil Williams Rockstar Stage 9 p.m. $10

Tribalistic w/ Shiny Hip-hop, Tim Campbell, and Nishant, Public Works, 8 p.m., $13

Friday 6

EAST BAY

Art Museum Open Party w/ Indie Soul Brothers, Wax Bar and Joe Bajo Era Art Bar and Lounge, 8 p.m. free

DJ Blue Soup Happy Hour Bistro Noir Kachinski City, 4 p.m.

DJ & Dancing Cooper's Sports Bar & Grill 9 p.m. $5

DJ Night Dig spinning Rivercader pop, mixed-dancing rock, and before hip-hop, Rip's Restaurant, 8:30 p.m., and

DJ Virtu Blue Silver Bar & Lounge, 9 p.m. and

Home Fridays rotating DJs spinning hip-pop, R&B and reggae. New Northstein City, 8 p.m. $1 entrance until 11 p.m.

Jbrkrash z / DJ Grey Ant Vinyl Archaeologist The Layover 10 p.m. and

Friday Night Beers z / guest bar spinning salsa. La Estadero Cafe, 10 p.m. $5

Friday Nite Jams w/ DJ Sage K, Jovert, 10 p.m. $10

Hip-Hop House Wash w/ before DJ, Jolo 1270 8 p.m. $5

Jet z / Feel Trips, Whitewasher and nelka, The Uptown 9 p.m. free

Johnnie Mission w/ Midnight Gray Gamer, Fam the Fantastical, Davey D, DJ Zilz, and Stevie The New Parish 9 p.m. free before 10:30pm $7 z Bar

Old-School Hip-hop, and funk, Jovert, 9 p.m., and

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Shadeley Bear Harmon, Beatth and Sur 9 p.m. free before 10pm, $5 after

World Beat Fridays spinning DJ tropic spinning jamaican soca samba salsa, merengue, dancehall reggae bhangra, Arabic music, 8 room Conga Lounge, 10 p.m.

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Big Soft and Bi-Sharp Public Works, 9 p.m. $10

Cocktails w/ Mow Jackson and Mow Display on the loft, Public Works, 9 p.m., $5, $10 after 10pm

Blonde 95 z House Night Mighty, 9 p.m. free z / 99YP before midnight

Bud Bo Mondo Kay 10 Hotel, 9 p.m. $10

Kind spin electric trend, deep sound, swampy breaks, hyper, hip-hop, & party classics, Monarch Art Bar 9 p.m. PP after 10 p.m.

DJ Lebowski solo and guitar Madrone Art Bar, 6-8 p.m. and

Bar Lorena and Missouri P Rio, 8 p.m. and

Friday Dress w/ DJ Monarch 49 Rio, 10 p.m. and

Funk Fridays with **Shady Unit** Amnesia, 9 p.m. $5-$8

George Fitzgerald w / Philip Cohen, and Rolla B Whitest, Monarch 9 p.m., $10-$15

Lotus Fridays / DJ Tom Thumb and guest, Mellow Mood Lotus 10 p.m. $5 before Night **w/** DJ Sweet and Sweet B The Knockout, 9 p.m. $2 before 10pm $5 after

Miles w/ CLASSIX (Fly Girls, Lando Kal, Bubble Pants, J Beagle, Evelyn Thorey, and more) 1015 Folsom Nightclub 10 p.m. $20

Panic Room International DJ Sagal and Marco aka reggae dancehall, hip-hop, soul, & R&B Little Baobab, 9 p.m., $5

Queer rotating Bar The Endzip, 10 p.m., $10

Shangalove w/ DJ Tomas Steele spinning dark electro industrial rares sets, 8 p.m. The Box 9:30 p.m., and before 10 p.m., $5

Saturday 7

EAST BAY

All Productions 8 Bootlegs Bar spinning R&B Hip-hop House, 10 p.m., and

Bar Montreal w / DJ Pure and Simple spinning hip-hop & R&B Dalton, and Bar 9 p.m. $5 before 11 p.m.

Baseball Saturdays w/ Action Bronx spinning reggae, Throwback Hip-hop, The American 9 p.m. free

DJ Dancing Cooper's Sports Bar & Grill, 10 p.m. $5

DJ Jedi 9 Brewer's before 8 p.m. free

DJ Joe Loco The Layover 9 p.m. free

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Jonas Rees z / DJ EMC Mighty, 8 p.m., $30

Mixed Up Mission Night Mixed Up Lounge, 9 p.m. $15, $20

Mow Downtown w/ DJ Mow spinning the Mowest Hip Area and 90s, Mixed Up, 10 p.m. free before 9 p.m. with mixtape,

Release 1990s alternative before party w/ Jamie Jane and Cassette The Knockout, 10 p.m. $5

Sour Saturday w/ Pornopressure, Public Works, 10 p.m. $13-$30

Suede Release w/ DJ Keezer, free

Sugar Shack Between Midnight and Mercy, Public Works, 9 p.m. $10-$20

Sweet Saturday Bam radio and club Bear records and post-punk hippies International psychedelia and the economic-pit group Suede F Bar 9-10 p.m. and

Table Turns z / White Manna, Hot Lunch, Glass Widow and Mentorship Mission Rose Room 9 p.m. $10

Xpiral w/ Proof Herman and Hog Mob, Gemini 9 p.m. $15-$20

Zoo Station Intercontinental DJ Sagal and Marco aka reggae dancehall, hip-hop, soul, & R&B Little Baobab, 9 p.m., $5

Zone Saturdays w/ DJ Ambush spinning house, reggae, dancehall, hip-hop, and world dance-pop Make-Out Room, 10 p.m. $8

Zu Bang! w/ Bio Vatican, Nicky B, Steve Fisher, and Sergio Fedele, Stud Bar, 9 p.m. free before 10pm, $7

Zuar Friends w/ DJ Carrie and before Dog 9 a.m. 5 p.m. $7

Audio Sushi Intercontinental DJ Sagal and Marco aka reggae dancehall, hip-hop, soul & R&B Little Baobab 9 p.m. $5

Bass Saturdays w/ DJ Mr Bass Latin Dub, 1015 Folsom Nightclub, 10 p.m. $10 until 10:30pm $20 after

Saturday Night Soul Party with Bar Lucky Paul Paul, and Phantom Blues & equipment 1015 Soul 49's Bass Room 10 p.m. $5-$10

Soundscape w/ DJs CEMOS, Brighton Rain, and more industrial on spinning and jazz, Paramount classics, & more, The Bottom Room 10 p.m. $5

Sunday 8

EAST BAY

DJ Randy Kingman's Lucky Lounge 8 p.m. free

Electric Sunday Boat Party w/ DJ Sir Bob spinning house, techno, and World release. With In House Bar 5-10 p.m. free

Ring of Fire Reggae Sundays 4th Young Pam DJ Smoke and Nature, The New Parish 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Say It (SUB) Lively feel-just happy hour event w/ Pat Lee Blanche Duende, 9 p.m. free

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Bob Mowser w/ DJ Sep Five Stevie B p.m. $95, $10

Stormy w/ Solar Monarch 9:30 p.m. $5

Sukia Ria Stars w/ evening live music, salsa Home Room 6 Bar 9 p.m. $5

Sunday Service w/ DJ Brian Foos, Mister Sayle, Paula Jan Hopkins, Fuerza, Hawthorne, Taj Bellyhertz, DMacks, John Early, and more, The Endzip 9 a.m.-8 p.m. $10

Weekender Dance party w/ funky minutes, The Weekend, 10 p.m., free

Monday 9

EAST BAY

DJ Joe Bayes The Layover, 9 p.m., and

Harmon z & Maddog w/ Sherbet and Mister, The Legionnaires Saloon, 9 p.m. free

Bi-Sexy-Lounge Lounge Sexy '60s & porno '70s music, Stefan, 10 p.m.-2 p.m. free

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Shady Gold z / the 80s spinning gothic, industrial synthpop, indie, postpunk, and world stuff DNA Lounge 9:30 p.m. $5

Punk Rock industrial Monarch Tavern, 10 p.m. free

Spiritual Vigil z weekly 11 hours of 80s spin gothic punk, psych country, and hip-hop 9 p.m. 5 p.m. $

Sightsings z / Da Mr Lucky & Delicate Shaving roots, Dali, Sarah Hi and reggae Sky Bar 8:30 p.m. and

Split Soldiers w/ DJ MOGUAI Bang Pu Chris, & C-Base spinning funk, soul hip-hop, '80's boogie jazz, Latin, and Afrobeat, Tunnel Top, 10 p.m. and

Tuesday 10

EAST BAY

DJ Hale The Legionnaires Saloon, 10 p.m. free

DJ Isaac Peter Money spinning rock, indie, punk, new wave & more The Missouri Lounge, 10 p.m. free

Live Blues and Other Stuff Sonar Bar & Lounge, 9 p.m. $10&A

Shanda Monarch Rainmaker Irish muzak, The Showgrounds Saloon, 7 p.m. free

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Lost & Found-Dong & Home '90s Soul Night-Out Bite w/ DJ Jr p.m. free

360-School Hip-Hop II SF Public Little Orchids 8 p.m. $5

Soundcloud Room z / Mike Monarch, 10 p.m. and before 10:30pm, $5 before 11pm $10 after

Wednesday 11

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The Jet Set w/ DJ Bukowski and special

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PICK

Reggae vs. Cumbia
A growing number of local venues and parties are celebrating international popular music. Case in point: Every Wednesday, DJs El Kool Kyle and Silverback spin reggae (from Jamaica, Brazil, and New York) and cumbia (a form of dance music that's popular throughout Latin America) on two floors of The Legionnaire Saloon (2299 Telegraph Ave., Oakland). The origins of cumbia live up to the "world" music moniker: It was birthed from Caucasian coastal music and influenced by both indigenous South American groups and Spanish colonizers. El Kool Kyle and Silverback host guests DJs each week, and a local musician, Marlon Sagana Ingram, creates live art. Baylands Records, which hosts the event, formally launched this week, so expect the party to grow. — *Madeleine Key*

Wednesday Dec. 4, 9 p.m., free. LegionnaireSaloon.com

FIRSTS

Playing with others saying "I love you," pegging a brother and having an affair with the boss son

By Dan Savage

I'm a bi woman in my mid-twenties in a great monogamish relationship with my straight boyfriend. We occasionally invite other women into our sex life, which is really enjoyable for both of us. We've hooked up with both friends and strangers, but always as a couple because it makes us both feel safe. That's all lovely. Enter the problem. I was visiting some friends of ours I used to live with before my boyfriend and I moved in together. After going out for drinks, we were playing an alcohol-fueled card game that turned into an alcohol-fueled strip card game. This is in my former home where I am very comfortable, feel safe, and was frequently in various states of undress while I was a housemate. One friend soon had her lovely breasts out, and she made a few comments that were direct and riveting and turned me on a little. I brushed her boobs and sucked on her nipples, but that's as far as things went. Her boyfriend witnessed this but wasn't involved. It was a fun, playful moment, and soon after I went to bed — alone. It wasn't anything my boyfriend would've objected to had he been there but he wasn't there. Should I tell him about it, or is this a case where he has the right not to know?

Non Intentional Playful Partying Lady Experiences Situation

This experience would seem to fall in the "right not to know" column. NIPPLES, but "right not to know" always has to be weighed against "likelihood of finding out."

You indicate that this couple — the girl with the lovely chest, and inviting breasts (LDBIs), and the boy who witnessed the touching and sucking of said LDBIs — aren't just friends of yours, NIPPLES, but friends of "ours." If either of them makes a reference to this game of strip cribbage the next time the four of you hang out, the boyfriend could be blindsided. And it's not clear whether there were other witnesses to your drunken touch-and-suck. But if there were witnesses there, and if you socialize with them other witnesses, the chances that your boyfriend will find out increase exponentially.

You know your boyfriend better than I do, NIPPLES, so you'll have to ask yourself if finding out about the incident at a party or via a snarky Facebook post would leave him feeling twice as upset — because then we're talking about a crime and a cover-up, and learning about the LDBIs incident in a manner that leaves him feeling humiliated.

My boyfriend of nearly a year and I have together and are planning to move across the country in about a month. We have never fought and get along swimmingly. We have amazing sex, we see eye to eye on almost everything, and we are planning a future together. The only thing is, we have never said, "I love you," to each other. Is this normal? I know we love each other but being in a serious, committed relationship of almost a year and not saying those words? Could it be possible that he doesn't love me?

Hopefully Not Unlovable

Even if your boyfriend had said, "I love you," a hundred thousand times over the last year, HNU it would still be possible that he didn't love you. People have been known to lie about this shit. But I don't think a guy would move across the country or plan a future with a woman for whom he felt nothing. Either he already loves you but hasn't found the right moment to say so, or he's sensible enough to realize that you can't be certain that you're in love with someone until after you've had at least one fight.

That said, HNU, if you're ready to say it to him, go ahead and say it. Just don't have a meltdown if he's not ready to say it to you.

Say you've always wanted to peg a guy, but your otherwise GGG hot husband isn't into receiving anal, but he jokingly suggests he would be fine with you pegging his equally hot gay little brother. Should you ask his gay little brother if you can peg him?

Wanting It For Ends

No.

How stupid would it be to sleep with my boss's gorgeous eighteen-year-old son? My boss has become a mentor to me. He and his wife have welcomed me into their home, which includes their aforementioned son, a high-school senior. I am a 23-year-old woman. Normally, I wouldn't sleep with anyone younger than 20. But besides being very attractive, my boss son is funny, kind, and sweet. He's also incredibly horny and has some serious unexplored kinks that most girls his age have no interest in. I want to spend the next few months fucking my boss son — bearing in mind and honoring, of course, your campsite rule. Here are the two problems as I see them: (1) Fucking around with your boss kid seems a surefire way to seriously wreck your relationship with your boss. (2) He is still in high school.

Sex Or Not

1. Fucking your boss kid seems like a surefire way to get your ass fired, SON and depending on what field you're in — and how important good recommendations and work histories are in your field — fucking the boss son could seriously derail your career. If you have, you manage to get caught. But if you do decide to fuck the slut out of a gorgeous, funny, sweet, and kinky adult who happens to be your boss son, well, you wouldn't be the first person in human history to risk everything for sex.

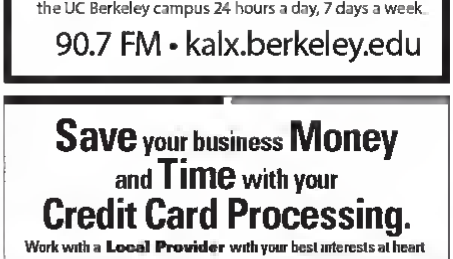
2. He is an adult — who is still in high school. You are not that far out of high school. Math is hard for me, SON, but according to my calculations, you're not that far apart in age. You might be sabotaging your career, but you wouldn't be robbing the cradle.

3. The campsite rule for new readers: The older and/or more experienced person in a relationship with a large age and/or experience gap is obligated to leave his or her younger and/or less experienced partner in better shape than when he or she found them. That means no STIs, no fertilized eggs, no unnecessary drama, and no unnecessary trauma.

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Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $395,734.60 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20111000564245. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Dated: 11-26-2013 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY EDDIE FLASICA, Trustee Sale Officer TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY 26540 Agoura Road, Suite 107 Calabasas, CA 91302 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasap.com If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. A-4430955 12/04/2013, 12/11/2013, 12/18/2013

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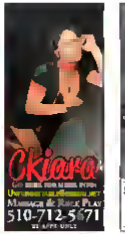
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On January 7, 2014 at 09:00 AM, 3rd Floor Lodge/Banquet Room at Southside Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakland, CA 94612, MTC Financial Inc dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on January 2, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007012241 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by: GREGORY R MILLER AND, MARISHA J TREADWELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID RECORDED TRUST DEED. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 6400 CHRISTIE AVENUE #1205, EMERYVILLE, CA 94608. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $328,197.29 (Estimated). 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If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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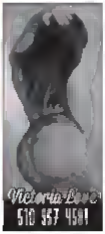
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 757807CA Loan No. 0615465258 Title Order No. 130067408 ATTENTION RECORDER. THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUM MARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09-13-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-18-2013 at 12:30 PM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEY ANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 09-21-2006, Book NONE, Page NONE, Instrument 2006-0351805, of Official records in the Office of the Recorder of ALA MEDA County, California, executed by: PHYLLIS P MOBILEY AND RUBY D MOBILEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC (MERS) ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, BROOKSAMERICA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier s check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made but without covenant or warranty expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. 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In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(b) the mortgagee, trustee beneficiary or authorized agent declares that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone by United States mail, either 1st class or certified by overnight delivery by personal delivery by e-mail by face to face meeting DATE 11 18 2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY or Trustee RIC KI JACOBS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6907 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1 714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com 1 714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 CALIFOR NIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. 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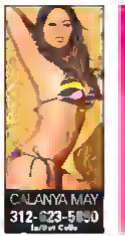
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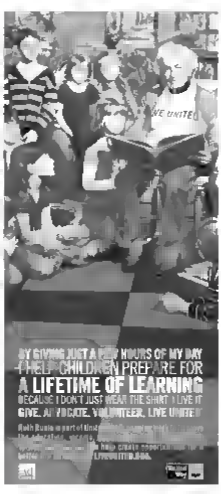
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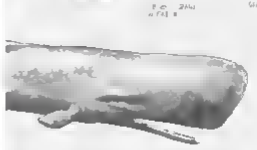
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